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INTRODUCTION.

The progress of the levee system, from its earliest history to date and the laws of the State of Louisiana, providing for and regulating the construction and maintenance of the system, have been co-extensive with the settlement of the Valley, and the march of civilization—have, as it were, gone hand in hand, together, as time and circumstances demanded and imposed.

Thus, it would appear of little or no value to, at this time, attempt to compile in minute sequence any of those laws which may have been in force previous to a date at which it was recognized that the system and the laws themselves had advanced to something like a concrete, comprehensive and more or less static stage, many if not all of such older laws having long since been either repealed or become, as far as their legal value might be rated, obsolete.

This compilation will, therefore, reduce all direct reference to the law on the subject, antedating the year 1856, to a very general historical line, previous to which period it would be difficult to, with any degree of certainty, cover the ground without such further deep research as would not be justified and bear no particular fruit, as far as the present be concerned.

In 1861, Messrs. Humphreys & Abbott, Corps of Topographical Engineers, U. S. A., submitted a report upon the most practicable plan for securing the Delta of the Mississippi River from inundation, and the best mode of deepening the channels at the mouth of the River.

This report presented statements, historical, statistical, technical and professional, based upon surveys and investigations made, under the requirements of Congress, from the year 1850 to 1861, inclusive.

With special reference to the subject of the construction, extension and maintenance of levees during that period, the report of Messrs. Humphreys & Abbott says:

“As already seen, by far the greater and more fertile portion of the natural banks of the Mississippi River between Cape Girardeau and the Gulf is below the level of the floods. Since this condition has existed from a period long anterior to the discovery of the country, the first object of the settler has always been to secure himself from inundation during the

high stages of the river. Throughout the entire region the levee system has been adopted for this purpose, to the exclusion of every other except that of cut-offs, which has been partially tried in a very few instances for local objects. The history of the levees is, therefore, intimately connected with that of the settlement of the country.

"The first permanent settlements by Europeans in the valley of the lower Mississippi were made at Natchez and at the present site of New Orleans. At Natchez the bluffs were occupied, but at New Orleans precautions had to be at once taken to protect the colony from inundation.

"According to Dumont De la Tour, the engineer who laid out the city of New Orleans in 1717, directed 'a dyke or levee to be raised in front, the more effectually to preserve the city from overflow.' Although this work was so early contemplated, it was not completed until November, 1727, when Governor Perrier announced that the New Orleans levee was finished, it being 5400 feet in length, and 18 feet wide on the top. He added, that within a year a levee would be constructed for 18 miles above and below the city, which, though not so strong as that at the city, 'would answer the purpose of preventing overflows.'

"In the meantime, colonists continued to arrive slowly and occupy the land along the river banks, so that in 1723, according to Francois Xavier Martin, 'the only settlements then begun below the Natchez were those of St. Reine and Madame de Mezieres, a little below Pointe Coupee—that of Diron d'Artaguet, at Baton Rouge—that of Parish, near Bayou Manchac—that of the Marquis d'Anconio, below Lafourche—that of the Marquis d'Artagnac, at Cannes Brulées—that of de Meuse, a little below, and a plantation of three brothers of the name of Chauvin, lately from Canada, at the Tchapitoulas.'

"In 1728 Dumont says there were five colonies 'extending for 30 miles above New Orleans, who were obliged to construct levees of earth for their protection.' The expense of constructing these embankments was borne by the planters, each building a levee the length of his river front.

"In 1731 the Mississippi company gave up the colony to the French crown. In 1735 Du Pratz states that 'the levees extended from English bend, 12 miles below, to 30 miles above and on both sides of the river.' The same year, the insufficiency of the works was demonstrated, as 'the water was very high, and the levee broke in many places.' It is certain that

this difficulty continued to be felt, for in 1743, according to Gayarré, 'an ordinance was promulgated requiring the inhabitants to complete their levees by the 1st of January, 1744, under a penalty of forfeiture of their lands to the crown.'

- "According to Monette, in 1752 the plantations extended '20 miles below, and 30 miles above New Orleans,' and in that distance 'nearly the whole coast was in a high state of cultivation, and securely protected from floods.'

"Captain Philip Pittman, who published a work in 1770, defines the settlements at that date as extending only '30 miles above, and 20 miles below New Orleans.' In other words, the inhabitants for twenty years had been devoting themselves to the cultivation and improvement of those districts already partially reclaimed, instead of trying to extend the levees farther along the bank. The wars between England and France, the cession by the latter power of all her territory on the Mississippi to Spain in 1763, and the impolitic course pursued by the Spanish governors, doubtless contributed to retard the growth of the colony at that epoch. It also appears to have been supposed that the settlements could not be extended farther down the river, 'on account of the immense expense attending the levees necessary to protect the fields from the inundation of sea and land floods,' which render it advisable to defer the settlement of that section of the country 'until the land shall be raised by the accession of soil.' (Francois Xavier Martin.)

"In the year 1800 the territory was ceded back to France, Napoleon being then First Consul. In 1803 it was ceded to the United States. Its condition may be inferred from the following extracts from the Abstract of Documents of the State Department and of the Treasury, 1802-5:—

"The principal settlements in Louisiana are on the Mississippi River, which begins to be cultivated about twenty (20) leagues from the sea. Ascending, you see them improve on each side till you reach the city (New Orleans). Except on the point just below Iberville, the country from New Orleans is settled the whole way.

"Above Baton Rouge, at the distance of 50 leagues from New Orleans and on the west side of the Mississippi, is Pointe Coupee, a populous and rich settlement, extending 8 leagues along the river. Behind it, on an old bend of the river now a lake whose outlets are closed up, is the settlement of Fausse Riviere.

“There is no other settlement on the Mississippi except the small one called Concord, opposite Natchez, till you come to the Arkansas River, 250 leagues above New Orleans. Here is a small settlement. There is no other settlement from this place to New Madrid.

“On both banks of this creek (Bayou Lafourche) there are settlements one plantation deep for near 15 leagues.

“Bayou Plaquemine, 32 leagues above New Orleans, is the principal and swiftest communication to the rich and populous settlement of Attacapas and Opelousas.

“Louisiana was admitted to the Federal Union in 1812. Stoddard, in his history of Louisiana, published in that year, states: ‘These banks (levees) extend on both sides of the river, from the lowest settlements to Pointe Coupee on one side, and to the neighborhood of Baton Rouge on the other, except where the country remains unoccupied.’

“Few settlements are formed on the west bank of the Mississippi between the Red and Arkansas Rivers. They are thinly scattered along from Red River to the mouth of the Yazoo.

“Brackenridge states: ‘From Pointe Coupee to Lafourche, two-thirds of the banks are perfectly cleared, and from there to New Orleans, the settlements continue without interruption on both sides, and present the appearance of a continued village.’

“In 1828 the levees were continuous from New Orleans nearly to Red River landing, excepting above Baton Rouge on the left bank, where the bluffs rendered them unnecessary. Above Red River they were in a very disconnected and unfinished state on the right bank as far as Napoleon. Elsewhere in the alluvial region their extent was so limited as to make it unnecessary to mention them.

“In 1844 the levees had been made nearly continuous from New Orleans to Napoleon on the right bank, and many isolated levees existed along the lower part of the Yazoo front. Above Napoleon, few or none had yet been attempted.

“In September, 1850, a great impulse was given to the work of reclaiming the alluvial region below the mouth of the Ohio by the Federal Government, which, by an act approved September 28, 1850, granted to the several States all swamp and overflowed lands within their limits remaining unsold, in order to provide a fund to reclaim the districts liable to inundation. The States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and

Missouri soon organized offices for the sale of the swamp lands, and appointed commissioners for the location and construction of the levees. The systems adopted were generally faulty, and have undergone many modifications. Those now in force will be explained under the next subdivision of this subject.

"Careful examinations and inquiries made by parties of the Delta Survey, in the autumn of 1857 and the winter of 1858, resulted in the following exhibit of the actual condition of the levees at that date. Each bank of the river will be noticed in turn:

"Beginning at the head of the alluvial region, on the right bank, the inlet between Cape Girardeau and Commerce Bluffs was closed by a macadamized road, some 4 feet high, which crossed the low ground about 2.5 miles from the river bank. From Commerce Bluffs to a sandy ridge above overflow near Dog-tooth bend, the levees were nearly completed. Thence, they were finished to a point 6 miles below Cairo. Here was a gap of 3 miles, but upon land so elevated as to be overflowed only in the highest floods. Next was a strip of high land above overflow, 3 miles in extent. Next came 8.5 miles of completed levee; next 0.5 of a mile of high land above overflow. This point is about 5 miles above Hickman. Thence to Bayou St. John, there was a continuous levee. Thence to Point Pleasant, the land is entirely above overflow. Thence to the northern boundary of Arkansas, the levees were nearly completed. Between the northern boundary of Arkansas and Osceola, there were about 2.5 miles of unfinished levees. In the bend below Osceola was a gap, 1.5 miles long. Opposite Island 34 was another, 1.5 miles long. Between Islands 36 and 37 was another, 2.5 miles long. At foot of Island 37 was another, 4 miles long. At foot of Island 39 was another, 1.5 miles long. At foot of Island 41 was another, 0.3 of a mile long. Six miles below Memphis was another, 1.5 miles long. In Council bend, near Island 53, was another, 3 miles long. In Walnut bend, near Island 56, was another, 1 mile long. The above list includes the whole St. Francis bottom. By summing up the different gaps, it will be found that they were about 25 miles in length. It would be a great error to imagine that the bottom was securely leveed with the exception of these breaks. The levees had all been made since the flood of 1851, and consequently had never been tested. They were much too low, hardly averaging 3 feet in height, although some of them, across old bayous, were of enormous size, as, for instance, a short one near the northern boundary of Crittenden county, which was reported

to be 40 feet high, 40 feet wide at top and 320 feet wide at bottom. Generally their cross-section was much too small, and, upon the whole, they were quite inadequate to effect the object for which they were intended.

"From the mouth of St. Francis river to Old Town, the levees were complete. Between this place and Scrub-grass Bayou, there were several gaps, amounting to about 14 miles. Thence to Napoleon there were no levees. Between Napoleon and the high land, south of Cypress Creek, there were only about 3 miles of levee. Thence nearly to Pointe a la Hache, below New Orleans, the embankments were completed.

"On the left bank, excepting a few unimportant private levees, there were no artificial embankments between the mouth of the Ohio and the southern boundary of Tennessee. The near approach of the hills to the river, throughout the greater part of this region, has the effect of flooding by hill drainage the narrow belts of swamp land, and there is no immediate prospect of any attempt to reclaim them. Whether leveed or not, they are too trifling in extent to have any sensible influence upon the high-water level of the Mississippi River.

"The Yazoo bottom below the Mississippi State boundary was considered to be well protected by levees. They, however, averaged only about 4 feet in height, and, having been mainly constructed since 1853, had never been tested by a great flood. They were much too low and too narrow, as the flood of 1858 proved. The levee which closed the Yazoo pass was an enormous embankment across an old lake. It was 1152 feet long and 28 feet high, with a base spread out to the width of 300 feet. About 10 miles of gaps in Coahoma and Tunica counties (between Islands 51 and 67) had been closed in the winter of 1858, and consequently the levees had not had time to settle properly before the occurrence of the high water. There was only one open gap. It was nearly opposite Helena, and had been caused by a caving bank.

"Between Vicksburg and Baton Rouge, on the left bank, the levees were complete where there was any occasion for them. The hills approach so near to the river in this part of its course, that the bottom lands are limited in extent, and hence somewhat liable to injury from sudden upland drainage.

"From Baton Rouge nearly to Pointe a la Hache, the whole river-coast was leveed."

Again, in regard to the general law then governing in the premises, the report adds:

"It is important that it should be understood, that much of the want of success attending the efforts to secure the alluvial lands from overflow has arisen not from inherent difficulties in the construction of works of protection, but from the adoption of systems which have allowed one district to be submerged in consequence of the insufficient character or faulty execution of the laws of another, or left it to be protected by taxes levied upon another. For this reason a general outline of the existing levee organization in the different States will be given.

"The laws regulating the maintenance of the levees in Louisiana mark the gradual progress of the system. They are involved, and very unlike in different parts of the State. Premising that the 'Police Jury' of each parish is an elective body, which has the general control of the affairs of that parish, the following extracts from the Revised Statutes (1856) exhibit the most important features of the complex levee organization of the State:

"Section 1. The Police Juries of all the parishes of this State are authorized to pass all such ordinances as they deem necessary, relative to roads and levees, bridges and ditches; and to impose such fines and penalties to enforce the same as they may judge proper and expedient, to be recovered and enforced by indictment or information."

"Sec. 5. Throughout all that portion of the State, watered by the Mississippi and the bayous running to and from the same, which are settled, where levees are necessary to confine the waters, and to protect the inhabitants against inundation, the said levees shall be made by the riparian proprietors, in the proportions and at the time hereinafter prescribed.

"Sec. 18. The Police Jury of every parish of this State where levees are necessary to protect the inhabitants against inundations, shall meet once in every year, for the purpose of proceeding to the appointment by ballot of such number of inspectors as shall be deemed necessary, in such a manner, however, that no inspector shall be charged with the inspection of the roads and levees to a greater extent than three leagues."

"Sec. 20. It shall be the duty of the inspector to make every week, at least during high water, one inspection of the roads and levees subject to his inspection, and to ascertain whether the obligations imposed upon the riparian proprietors have been complied with. * * * * *

"Sec. 21. * * * * * The inspector shall provide all the means which he shall deem expedient, in order that the repairs be made in time; and for that purpose he shall be authorized to furnish the proprietors, on urgent necessity, with any number of slaves he may deem necessary, not only from his own section, but also from the other sections of the parish situate on the same side of the river. * * * * *

"Sec. 22. The Road and Levee Inspectors are hereby empowered within the several parishes to call out to work on the levees therein, in case of a crevasse or threatened crevasse, all the male slaves above the age of fifteen years and under sixty, or so many thereof as may be deemed necessary, whose owners reside on the same side of the river or bayou within seven miles of the threatened danger; except persons on high lands, that is, lands not alluvial."

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"Sec. 27. If any Inspector of Roads and Levees shall not cause the levees in his district to be repaired or made anew by the first of November of each year, it shall be the duty of the other Inspectors appointed for the same parish and on the same side of the river, to cause the repairs or new levees to be made; and for these purposes they are invested with all the powers vested in the Inspector of the respective districts, and subjected to the same penalties for omissions. If there are no other Inspectors in the parish, on the same side of the river, or if they are absent, or do not act, any planter of the parish, on the same side of the river, may notify the President of the Police Jury that he undertakes to act as Inspector; and by the fact of giving such notice, he shall be invested with all the powers vested in Inspectors of Roads and Levees."

"Sec. 29. Every proprietor whose levee has been broken by his own neglect, shall be liable for all damages and losses caused thereby, agreeably to articles two thousand two hundred and ninety-four and two thousand two hundred and ninety-five of the Civil Code."

"Sec. 43. Where there exist levees, the making and repairs of which devolve upon the parishes, all the Inspectors of such parishes shall join to cause the same to be made or repaired by proportional requisition of slaves, on the proprietors within their respective sections."

"Sec. 50. The alluvial lands of the parishes of Carroll, Madison, and Catahoula shall be constituted a levee district."

"Sec. 51. For the purpose of building or making and repairing all levees in the said levee district, an annual tax of 300 per cent, on the State mill tax, shall be levied in the parishes of Madison and Carroll, according to the State assessment roll of each year. No tax for that purpose shall be levied in the parish of Catahoula."

"Sec. 56. The levee tax shall be a common levee fund, to be applied to making and repairing all levees in the levee district."

"Sec. 57. There shall be elected in each of said parishes, by the qualified voters of said levee district, three Commissioners, who shall be styled and shall constitute a 'Board of Levee Commissioners.'"

"Sec. 58. The first election of Commissioners shall be held on the first Monday in November, 1855, and biennially thereafter."

"Sec. 61. No person shall vote in the election of said Commissioners who is not a qualified voter under the Constitution and Laws of the State, and who does not reside on the alluvial lands in the said levee district: Provided, no person shall be denied the privilege of voting who may live on the hill lands but cultivate alluvial lands."

"Sec. 62. The Board of Commissioners shall be sole judges of the election and qualifications of its members, and shall have power to prescribe all rules and regulations necessary for determining the same."

"Sec. 63. They shall have power and authority to select their Treasurer, their several Inspectors, Engineer, and all other officers appointed by them; to fix the time for which they shall be appointed or elected, the causes of removal, the amount of the bonds to be given, and all other acts necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this law."

"Sec. 69. It shall be their duty to lay off levee wards on the Mississippi River, or any other river or bayou in said levee district; to appoint Levee Inspectors for each of said wards, to prescribe their duties, and the penalties for neglect thereof; and they are further empowered to employ an Engineer for said levee district, if deemed necessary."

"Sec. 72. It shall be their duty, at their meetings on the first Monday of May of each year, to order the levees at the most important points in each of said parishes of Madison and Carroll, to be repaired or built."

"Sec. 75. It shall be the duty of each of the Inspectors to let out, to the lowest bidder, the building or repairing of the levees in their respective wards, after public notice thereof having been given, by publication in some newspaper published in the parish in which the levee shall be built or repaired, for thirty days."

"Sec. 77. They shall always require the levees to be completed by the first day of February of each year."

"Sec. 79. They shall have full authority, within their respective wards, to call out to work on the levees, during high water, all the male slaves above the age of fifteen and under sixty, or so many thereof as may be deemed necessary."

"Sec. 84. The Police Jury of the parish of Tensas shall divide the parish into five districts, to be called levee wards, giving the metes and bounds of each, and shall cause a map or plat of the same to be made and kept in the Police Clerk's office, as the property of the parish, for reference."

"Sec. 85. They shall annually appoint a Levee Inspector or Engineer for the parish, to continue in office until a successor be appointed."

"Sec. 86. They shall annually appoint, in each levee ward, two Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to act in conjunction with the Inspector, in laying off new levees in their respective wards, and to assist him at other times, when he may deem it necessary; in case of absence or resignation of the Inspector, they shall perform all the duties belonging to the Inspector, until a successor be appointed, or until the Inspector shall return to the performance of his duties."

"Sec. 87. It shall be the duty of the Levee Inspector or Engineer to direct and superintend the construction and repairs of all levees in the parish in accordance with the requisition of the Police Jury."

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"Sec. 90. The Police Jury are authorized to levy and collect, in the same manner that the State and parish taxes are now collected, an annual tax upon the assessed value of real estate as returned by the Assessors of State taxes. Said tax, when collected, shall form a special fund for levee purposes alone."

"Sec. 107. The Police Jury of the parish of Rapides are authorized to lay off their parish into levee districts; and with the consent of a majority of the inhabitants of said districts owning lands therein, to lay a tax upon all lands within the several districts which were overflowed in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, for the purpose of making levees on

Red River, within the parish, and constructing such embankments as they may consider necessary across all bayous connecting with the river; and for the purpose also of creating and maintaining the permanent levee fund hereinafter mentioned.

"The Police Jury, in levying said tax, shall discriminate equitably between the front and back lands, so that they may be taxed as nearly as possible in proportion to the benefit to be derived by them respectively from levees, the tax so levied by the Police Jury on the front and back lands to be binding on both."

"Sec. 108. The Police Jury shall appoint annually on the first Monday of June, three Levee Commissioners for each district, whose duty it shall be to locate the levees and embankments within their respective districts, and to let out contracts for constructing the same; which contracts shall be let out to the lowest bidder. * * * "

"Sec. 109. The Police Jury shall also appoint annually at the same time one or more Levee Syndics in each district, whose duty it shall be to cause to be made all needful repairs or additions to the levees within their respective districts." * *

"Sec. 115. The Police Jury of the Parish of Catahoula shall have full and unlimited power to establish levee wards within its limits, and enforce the construction of levees therein."

"Sec. 116. They shall have power to cause, with a previous notice of thirty days, the election in each levee ward by the qualified voters, of three Levee Commissioners, who shall choose one Inspector; the term of office, duties and qualifications of the Commissioners and Inspector to be prescribed by the Police Jury."

"Sec. 117. They shall have power also to levy and enforce the collection of such taxes as may be deemed necessary in any ward, for the construction of levees therein; the fund so raised to be expended upon the levees in the ward wherein the same is collected."

"Sec. 118. The Police Juries of the Parishes of Concordia and Ouachita, shall have plenary and unlimited power to make such enactments with regard to roads and levees within their respective limits as may be deemed necessary and proper by those bodies, including the power to authorize the assessment and collection of any taxes which they may deem necessary on the private land claims within any levee district established

by them, to cover the expenses of leveeing any public land included in such district or other necessary work or expense authorized by any ordinance of said juries respectively."

"Sec. 127. It shall be the duty of the Police Jury of the parish of Pointe Coupee to levy an annual tax, not to exceed the one-half of a mill on a dollar on the estimated value of all the property subject to taxation not otherwise hereinafter provided for in said parish, which tax shall be collected by the Collector of the Parish Taxes in the same manner and form that the parish tax is now collected; and shall form a special and distinct fund in the parish treasury for the repairs or making of roads and levees; and the Parish Treasurer shall keep a separate and distinct account of all taxes so collected."

"The fund derived from the sales of land granted by Congress for aiding in constructing the levees and drains necessary to reclaim the swamp land is subject to an especial set of State laws, independent of parish organization. Since the Revised Statutes were published in 1856, a change in the organization for controlling this fund has been made by abolishing the 'Board of Swamp-land Commissioners,' and replacing it by the 'Board of Public Works,' which now has charge of all the public works of the State. The law relating to the swamp-land fund declares that it shall not be employed in the reconstruction or repair of levees now existing, it being the intention to expend the money supplying the deficiencies in the present system. If, however, a levee shall be destroyed by the action of the current, one-half the cost of repairing it shall be paid from the fund; the other half being borne by the riparian proprietors."

Previous to 1861, more stress was laid upon operations for improving navigation in the numerous streams in the State, and for draining and reclaiming the swamp and overflowed lands than to the building of any system of public levees, only such levees being considered, here and there, where their need at the time was most pronounced, governed mostly upon the principle of the then "greatest good to the greatest number," without regard to system, and the greater, if not all of the State work of any kind was performed by State plants (boats) and State forces (slaves).

From 1861 to 1865, inclusive, that is during the Civil War, any history of the levees is naturally unreliable, but it is safe to say that no effective new law on the subject was seriously considered. Protection from overflow depended mostly upon individual effort, prompted by the exigencies of the moment, neither aided nor circumscribed by law.

Thus, with the close of the Civil War, what may have been left of such a system as had previously been promoted, was found to be in a most disrupted and chaotic state.

With the cessation of hostilities in 1865, and the partial restoration of affairs to normal conditions, however, necessity for reviving interest in the subject of systematic protection from overflow to Louisiana, and regulating and governing operations incident thereto, soon occupied the minds of the State Authorities.

Taking up the thread in practical and fundamental law contained in the Revised Statutes of the State of 1856, as given by Messrs. Humphreys & Abbott in their report of 1861, the following Acts of the General Assembly of the State are found to be of record to date, viz:

SESSION OF 1856

**Third Legislature of the State of Louisiana at its First Session
Begun and held in the Town of Baton Rouge on the 21st
of January, 1856.**

Act No. 3 (Joint Resolution) authorizing the *State Engineer* to survey a road from "Holmesville, in the Parish of Avoyelles, to Simmsport, on the Atchafalaya River." Approved, January 23, 1856. Promulgated, February 8, 1856.

Act No. 4. Providing for deepening the Mouth of the River Bonfouca, in the Parish of St. Tammany. Approved, January 23, 1856.

Act No. 6. Instructing the *State Engineer* to release William and Loyd Stidham from the further prosecution of work on certain streams in the Parish of Bossier—"Red Chute and the Lake Bodeau and Bayou, up to Long's Ferry". Approved, January 23, 1856. Promulgated, February 8, 1856.

Act No. 39. Instructing the *State Engineer* to examine the Breakwater at the Mouth of Bayou Lafourche. Approved, March 4, 1856. Promulgated, March 19, 1856.

Act No. 72. (Joint Resolution) In relation to improving the entrance to the Atchafalaya Bay and River. Approved, March 8, 1856. Promulgated, April 1, 1856.

Act No. 75. Supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the expropriation of lands for Railroads and other works of public utility," approved March 8, 1852. Approved, March 8, 1856. Promulgated, April 2, 1856.

Act No. 83. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* to inquire into the expediency of removing the obstruction in Bayou Petite Caillon, in the Parish of Terrebonne. Approved, March 8, 1856. Promulgated, April 3, 1856.

Act No. 94. (Resolution) Relative to the survey of the Bayou Pierre River, the Lakes connected therewith, and the north side of Red River above Campti, in the Parish of Natchitoches (Drainage of lakes, probable amount lands reclaimable, etc.). Approved, March 13, 1856. Promulgated, April 4, 1856.

Act No. 95. Supplemental to an Act to incorporate the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas Railroad Company. Approved, March 13, 1856.

Act No. 118. To pay work already done by the First Swamp Land District on Cat Island. Approved, March 15, 1856.

Act No. 127. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the Commission of the Second Swamp Land District to survey that portion of Bayou Pays-Bas lying back of the plantations in Morgan's Bend, in the Parish of Pointe Coupee. Approved, March 18, 1856. Promulgated, April 15, 1856.

Act No. 130. (Joint Resolution) Requiring a survey to be made of Bayous Braud, Crocodile and New River (Drainage, amount of public and private lands reclaimable, etc.) Bayou Braud, in the Parish of Iberville; New River, in the Parish of Ascension, together with the Bayou Crocodile to the Bayou Manchac, etc. Approved, March 8, 1856. Promulgated, April 15, 1856.

Act No. 141. Ordering and instructing the *State Engineer* of Louisiana to forthwith proceed with the snag-boat "Amite," as soon as completed, to the Mouth of West Pearl River, in the Parish of St. Tammany, thence up the said West Pearl River to the Mouth of the Bogue Chitto River, and thence up the said Bogue Chitto to the town of Franklinton, in the Parish of Washington, removing the leaning timber from the banks, and all other obstructions to good flat or keel-boat navigation from said rivers. Approved, March 19, 1856.

Act No. 165. Authorizing and requiring the construction of a Levee in Diamond Island Bend (Swamp Land Commissioners to draw on Swamp Land Funds, etc.). Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, April 25, 1856.

Act No. 166. To prevent obstructions to the navigation of the Atchafalaya Bay and River—(Repeals an "Act more effectually to prevent obstructions to the navigation of the Atchafalaya Bay"—Approved, February 27, 1855). Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, April 25, 1856.

Act No. 168. To incorporate the Louisiana Central Stem of the Missouri & Pacific Railroad Company (authority, etc., to construct a railroad from the Western bank of the Mississippi River, below the mouth of Red River, crossing the Atchafalaya below the mouth of Bayou des Glaizes, thence through the Parishes of Avoyelles, Rapides, Natchitoches and De Soto, within fifteen miles of the town of Natchitoches, and ten miles of the town of Mansfield, to intersect with the railroad chartered by the State of Texas, etc., etc.) Approved, March 25, 1856.

Act No. 174. For the relief of the New Orleans Canal & Navigation Company (See Act approved March 12, 1855). Approved, March 19, 1856.

Act No. 182. To improve the navigation of the Ouachita River at Catahoula Shoals and at Rock Row Shoals. Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, May 1, 1856.

Act No. 183. To provide for the confirmation of selections of Swamp Lands, and to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to carry out the provisions thereof. Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, May 1, 1856.

Act No. 185. To authorize the *State Engineer* to open and construct a road from the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River, via New Texas and Bayou Latanache. Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, May 2, 1856.

Act No. 191. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* to report to the Legislature at its next Session a System of Internal Improvements. (With particular attention "to the expediency and practicability of reducing the Mississippi River to its natural banks). Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, May 2, 1856.

Act No. 197. (Joint Resolution) Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to call the attention of Congress to a memorial of the State of Louisiana to Congress, presented in the year 1841, praying to cause to be removed obstructions placed in the Bayou Lafourche by the British in 1814 and 1815. Approved, March 20, 1856. Promulgated, May 3, 1856.

Act No. 198. Making appropriation for the General Expenses of the State for the year ending March 31, 1857, viz:

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For salary Register of Land Office, Act No. 290 of 1855	\$250.00
Salary, Register Land Office at Winnsboro, Sec. 4, Act No. 286 of 1855.....	150.00

Salary of Receiver Land Office, Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855.....	150.00
Salary, State Engineer and incidental expenses of Department out of Internal Improvement Fund, Act No. 279 of 1855.....	13,000.00
Contingent expenses, Land Office, Baton Rouge.....	250.00
Contingent expenses, Land Office, Winnsboro.....	250.00
Commissioners, Register Land Office, Winnsboro, Act No. 266 of 1855.....	150.00
Commissioners Receiver Land Office, Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855.....	150.00
Expenses Internal Improvement Service from Internal Improvement Fund, Act 342 of 1855.....	22,500.00
Reimbursement for lands erroneously sold out of General Funds, Sec. 12, Act 316 of 1855.....	5,000.00
Reimbursements of moneys for Internal Improvement Lands, out of Internal Improvement Fund, Act 316 of 1855.....	2,000.00
Reimbursement of moneys for swamp lands erroneously sold, out of Levee and Drainage Funds, Sec. 12, Act 316 of 1855.....	10,000.00
Balance due Register Land Office, Baton Rouge, contingent expenses	240.00
Swamp Land Board, to be apportioned between four Swamp Land Districts, out of Levee and Drainage Fund	250,000.00
Commissioners to Register Land Office, Baton Rouge, out of Levee and Drainage Fund, Act 290 of 1855	2,000.00
Commissioners to Register Land Office, Baton Rouge, out of General Funds, Act 290 of 1855.....	500.00
Commissioners to Receiver Land Office, Baton Rouge, out of Levee and Drainage Fund, Act 290 of 1855	2,000.00
Commissioners to Receiver Land Office, Baton Rouge, out of General Funds, Act 290 of 1855.....	500.00
Salary, Receiver Land Office, Baton Rouge.....	250.00
Approved, March 20, 1856.	

SESSION OF 1857.

Third Legislature of the State of Louisiana at its Second Session, held and begun in the Town of Baton Rouge, January 19, 1857.

Act No. 15. (Joint Resolution) Requesting the Attorney General to examine into the conditions of the charter under which the present New Orleans Canal & Navigation Company is claiming possession of the Passes, Bridges and Basin of Canal Carondelet and Bayou St. John, and to report as early as possible to the General Assembly his opinion on the extent and duration of the rights of said Company. Approved, February 17, 1857. Promulgated, March 3, 1857.

Act No. 17. (Joint Resolution) Instructing Senators in Congress, and requesting Representatives "to procure to be made by the General Government, an examination of the flat or shallows in Lake Pontchartrain, commonly known and designated as the 'Middle Ground' near the Pass Rigolet, etc." Approved, February 17, 1857.

Act No. 23. To pay the U. S. Land Registers the fees due them for services performed to the State under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the more effectual assessment of lands belonging to non-residents, approved March 14, 1855." Approved, February 18, 1857. Promulgated, March 5, 1857.

Act No. 38. (Joint Resolution) Requiring a plan and estimate from the *State Engineer*, as to the stoppage of drift from the Mississippi River into Bayou Plaquemine. Approved, February 25, 1857. Promulgated, March 11, 1857.

Act No. 41. To amend the Sixth Section of an Act entitled "An Act forming a Levee District, to be composed of the parishes of Carroll, Madison and Catahoula, for the better protection of the same from inundation," approved March 18, 1852 (authorizes the appointment, and defines the powers and duties of a "Levee Tax Collector for each of said parishes of Madison and Carroll.") Approved, February 26, 1857. Promulgated, March 12, 1857.

Act No. 57. Altering the line between the parishes of Bienville and Natchitoches (Coushatta Island attached to and made a portion of the territory of the parish of Natchitoches). Approved, March 2, 1857. Promulgated, March 27, 1857.

Act No. 58. Requiring the *State Engineer* to make an Instrumental Survey, or cause the same to be made, of the Rivers Tensas, Boeuf and Bayou Macon, and to appropriate

the sum of Three Thousand Dollars to carry out the provisions thereof. (To "Ascertain the obstacles and impediments to the navigation of said streams"—"if any there be.") Approved, March 2, 1857. Promulgated, March 27, 1857.

Act No. 62. Requiring (from Board of Swamp Land Commissioners) a survey to be made of Bayou La Butte. (Drainage of swamp lands contiguous and adjacent to said bayou, in the parish of Iberville, amount of public lands reclaimable, cost, etc.) Approved, March 2, 1857. Promulgated, March 27, 1857.

Act No. 79. Requiring a survey of the lands situated between the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche. (To be made by the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District. Object, drainage, cost, etc.) Approved, March 7, 1857. Promulgated, April 2, 1857.

Act No. 84. (Joint Resolution) Authorizing the Commissioner of the Fourth Swamp Land District to employ a guard to protect Diamond Island Bend Levee. (In view of danger from cutting by raftsmen, etc.) Approved, March 7, 1857. Promulgated, April 2, 1857.

Act No. 85. (Joint Resolution) Ordering and directing the *State Engineer*, with as little delay as possible, to send one of the State boats into the bayous Petit Caillou, Grand Caillou, and Terrebonne, to remove snags, logs and other obstructions, etc. Approved, March 7, 1857. Promulgated, April 2, 1857.

Act No. 86. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to repair, as soon as practicable, without interruption to work already ordered by the Legislature, to Red River, with snag boats and State hands, and remove obstructions to navigation, as far as practicable, from Shreveport to Carolina Bluffs, etc. Approved, March 7, 1857. Promulgated, April 2, 1857.

Act No. 95. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* "to proceed as soon as practicable, with a State boat, hands, etc., to remove the wreck of the steamboat R. M. Jones, near Campti, the wreck of the Linden, near Beards, and such other steamboat wrecks and obstructions as may interfere with the safe navigation of Red River, between Alexandria and Shreveport," etc. Approved, March 9, 1857. Promulgated, April 7, 1857.

Act No. 98. To accept in part of the grant and carry into execution, the trust conferred upon the State of Louisiana, by an Act of Congress making a grant of lands to aid in the

construction of Railroads in said State, approved June 3, 1856. ("For the purpose of aiding in the construction of a Railroad from the Texas line in the State of Louisiana, west of the town of Greenwood, via Greenwood, Shreveport and Monroe, to a point on the Mississippi River opposite Vicksburg, etc.") Approved, March 11, 1857. Promulgated, April 8, 1857.

Act No. 119. Providing a special tax of Two Thousand Dollars levied on all property embraced within that portion of the Parish of Iberville, situated and lying on the left bank of the Mississippi River, for the purpose of draining the lands embraced within that portion of the Parish of Iberville indicated. (The sum raised under this Act shall be expended by Road and Levee Commissioners, under direction of the Police Jury. Special reference made to clearing and deepening Bayous Braud, Paul and Crocodile). Approved March 14, 1857. Promulgated April 22, 1857.

Act No. 121. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act forming a Levee District, to be composed of the Parishes of Carroll, Madison and Catahoula, for the better protection of the same from inundation. (Authorizing and empowering the Levee Commissioners, for the purpose of building and repairing all levees in the District to assess an annual tax on all of the alluvial lands situated in the Parishes of Carroll and Madison "specifically on such and every acre," etc.) Approved, March 14, 1857. Promulgated, April 23, 1857.

Act No. 130. To provide for the administration of the Penitentiary at Baton Rouge. (Eighteen Sections).

Section 1. Lessee or lessees to be elected by the General Assembly * * * * *

Sec. 7. A Board of Control to be appointed annually by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board to be composed of five persons, citizens of the State, etc. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, April 28, 1857.

Act No. 133. To incorporate the Baton Rouge & Clinton Railroad Company. (Nineteen Sections). Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, April 29, 1857.

Act No. 134. To grant the aid of the State to the New Orleans & Baton Rouge Railroad Company, by subscription to the stock thereof. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 135. To accept of the grant and carry into execution the trust conferred upon the State of Louisiana, by an

Act of Congress, making a grant of lands to aid in the construction of Railroads in said State, approved the third June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, for the benefit of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 139. To pay the Register of the Branch of State Land Office, at Winnsborough, the fees due him for services performed for the State, under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the more effectual assessment of lands belonging to non-residents, approved, March 14, 1855." (Register allowed twenty-five cents for each abstract of entry furnished Recorders). Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 146. (Joint Resolution) Authorizing the further improvement of the Ouachita River (Authorizing expenditure of \$7,500.00). Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 147. To provide for the sale of Sixteenth Sections in the several Parishes, when divided by Parish lines. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 152. To improve the falls in Red River at Alexandria. (For navigation—appropriating \$20,000.00—authorizing employment of a competent Civil Engineer, to act in conjunction with Commissioners, etc.) Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 153. To authorize the Parish Treasurer of the Parish of Avoyelles to sell a portion of the Sixteenth Section of Township one, Range five, east. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 156. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer*, "as soon as practicable, with the State force, to remove the obstructions in Red River, between Shreveport and the Raft; the said work to be done at a low stage of water." Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 157. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* "to examine the Bayou Dorcheat, from the Minden Landing to Sykes Ferry, in the Parish of Claiborne, and report to the Legislature as early as possible, whether it be practicable to improve said bayou, so as to make it navigable for steamboats, flats or keel-boats." Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 160. To incorporate the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans. Approved, March 16, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 164. To authorize the construction of a lock at or near the mouth of Bayou Lamourie, improving the navigation of Bayou Boeuf, in the parish of Rapides, etc. (Appropriating \$15,000.00 towards cost, the citizens living on Bayou Boeuf to pay any balance necessary, etc.) Approved, March 18, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 171. To authorize the *State Engineer* to build a Dredge Boat for removing obstructions from Bayou Lafourche and to make an appropriation for the same. (Fifteen thousand dollars appropriated). Approved, March 18, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 173. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* to proceed, as early as possible, to remove obstructions in Soda Lake. Approved, March 18, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 178. Authorizing and empowering the *State Engineer* "to do and perform all the acts and works necessary to render the Bayou Bourbeux, in the Parishes of Iberville and West Baton Rouge, a good and sufficient drain for the lands adjacent to said Bayou, etc." Approved, March 18, 1857. Promulgated, May 1, 1857.

Act No. 193. For the relief of actual settlers on Swamp and overflowed lands, granted to the State by Acts of Congress, approved, March 2, 1849, and September 25, 1850. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 197. To provide for the manner of taking appeals from the decisions of the Register of the Land Office, in cases where claimants are agrieved by said decisions. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 198. To authorize the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company to mortgage all the land granted in aid of said Railroad by the United States, by an Act "making a grant of lands to the State of Louisiana, to aid in the construction of Railroads in said State," approved, June 3, 1856, to secure the payment of any bonds, notes or other obligations made or executed by said Company, etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 206. To authorize the transfer of the Snag and Dredge Boat "John Harmanson" to the Internal Improvement Service, and for the employment of the same. (The boat

shall be appraised by the Commissioner of the Second Swamp District and the *State Engineer*, etc.) Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 207. Requiring the *State Engineer* to remove obstructions to the navigation in the Calcasieu River, beginning at the old town of Marion, on said stream, and continuing up to the junction of the Dearborn and Whischochette, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars being appropriated therefor. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 208. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* "to send a dredge boat into Bayou Teche, to remove the said bars which obstruct the navigation of said bayou, from its mouth to Breau's Bridge, etc." Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 5, 1857.

Act No. 212. Ordering the *State Engineer* to send a sufficient force of the State hands to Bayou des Glaizes, in the Parish of Avoyelles, during the next summer or fall, to cut down and cut up all trees and logs, and remove all other impediments to navigation from the channel and banks of said bayou, etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 214. To improve and maintain the navigation of the Red and Ouachita Rivers, and to appropriate for that object the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (working orders and assignment of work shall emanate from and be given by the *State Engineer* exclusively, etc.) Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 215. Instructing the *State Engineer* to improve the navigation of the Bayou Teche and Fusilier, by the erection of a suitable lock and dam on the Bayou Teche, near the town of St. Martinsville, and otherwise improve the navigation of said bayous, agreeably to the plan laid down in the report referred to in the preamble of this Act. (Report of Louis Herbert, *State Engineer*, dated February, 1856). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 216. Authorizing and instructing the *State Engineer* "to cause to be built for the use of the Engineer Department, a boat suitable for removing the rafts and other obstructions in the Atchafalaya River and its principal tributaries, and that when said boat shall have been finished, the said *State Engineer* is hereby directed to furnish said boat with twenty of the State hands, and forthwith place said boat on the Atchafalaya River and its principal tributaries, and there

to be and remain until the said work shall have been fully completed," etc. (Fifteen Thousand Dollars appropriated to carry out objects of Act). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 219. To appropriate money for surveys and the payment of the salaries and expenses of the Commissioners and Engineers of the Second Swamp Land District. (\$30,000.00 appropriated from funds to the credit of the Second Swamp Land District). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 220. Authorizing and requiring the Swamp Land Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District "to lay out the building of a levee, and closing the bayous on the right bank of the Bayou Courtableau, descending from "Barry's Landing" to the mouth of said bayou, in the Parish of St. Landry, etc. (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars appropriated to carry out the object of the Act). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 230. To incorporate the New Orleans, Shreveport & Kansas Railroad Co. (For the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railroad, with such branches or termini as are hereinafter described, from the City of New Orleans, or from some point on the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, to the Kansas River, at Kansas City, in the State of Missouri, or at some point on said river, as near as practicable to said Kansas City, etc. * * * * * Provided, that from the north line of the State of Louisiana, the route shall be established as nearly as shall be found practicable and advantageous, upon the line between Arkansas and the Indian Territory, and thence, as nearly as practicable and advantageous, on the line between the State of Missouri and the Territory of Kansas). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 231. Instructing the *State Engineer*, "as soon as practicable to remove obstructions to the navigation of Boeuf River, in the Parishes of Caldwell, Franklin, Ouachita, Morehouse and Carroll, etc." (Probably means the "Boeuf River"). Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 242. That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the improvement of the Sabine River, the same to be expended under the direction of the *State Engineer*, on the Executive of this State being notified by the proper authorities of Texas that that

State has appropriated at least an equal sum to be expended for the same purpose, and is prepared to commence the said improvement. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 244. Authorizing and requesting the Commissioner of the Third Swamp Land District to make a survey of Cross and Soda Lakes, and bayous connecting the same, as far up as Albany, on said Soda Lake, in the Parish of Caddo, with a view to ascertain the expense of draining said lakes, and the probable amount of public lands that will be reclaimed by draining and leveeing of said lakes and bayous in said Swamp Land District, and report the same to the next Legislature. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 8, 1857.

Act No. 249. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to cause to be removed from Grand Bayou the obstructions in said bayou, from its mouth, where it empties into Lake Verret, for a distance of about seventeen miles, etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 250. Requiring the *State Engineer* to cause to be removed the obstructions from the Bayou Pierre Port, in the Parish of Assumption, etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 261. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* as soon as practicable, without prejudice to work already in progress or ordered to be done, to cause to be widened, straightened and completed, the State Road from Morganza, in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, to Opelousas, in the Parish of St. Landry, said work to be performed by the State hands, and in accordance with the survey and plan recently made by the Surveyor of the District, in which said road is now located, which plan is now on file in the office of the *State Engineer*. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 262. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* to remove obstructions to navigation in the Bayou Bartholomew, in the Parish of Morehouse. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 264. Making it the duty of the *State Engineer* "to examine the Vermillion Bayou and to make a report to the next Legislature of the condition of said Bayou," etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 276. Requiring the Swamp Land Commissioner of the Fourth Swamp Land District (as soon as practicable after he shall have ascertained by the necessary surveys, by the

Engineer, that the works are useful and proper, to reclaim and drain the swamp lands in said district, which surveys he shall order to be done forthwith): to let out the building of a levee across the Bayou Galeon at or near the point of its nearest approach to the Bayou Bonne-Idee, in the Parish of Morehouse, and the making of a ditch from said levee to said Bayou Bonne-Idee, also the building of a levee across the Bayou Cooly, at or near its nearest approach to the Bayou Galeon, and the making of a ditch from said levee, across the Bayou Cooly to the Bayou Galeon, in said parish, and also the opening of one of the outlets of said Bayou Galeon into Lake Privin, etc. Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 277. Authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the Fourth Swamp Land District "to contract for and let out the building of levees across the mouths of Big Bayou, Crooks Bayou, and Cypress Bayou, on the south side of the French Fork of Little River, in the Parish of Catahoula." (Four Thousand Dollars allowed for purpose, etc.) Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

Act No. 286. Authorizing and requiring the Third Swamp Land Commissioner, "to have examined the Pascagoula Bayou and all other Bayous leaving Red River and running into Bayou Pierre River, and lakes from Jones Bayou, in the Parish of Caddo, to Grand Bayou, in the Parish of De Soto, etc." (\$25,000.00 appropriated to carry out provisions of Act, etc.) Approved, March 19, 1857. Promulgated, May 9, 1857.

SESSION OF 1858.

Fourth Legislature of the State of Louisiana at its First Session held and begun in the City of Baton Rouge, January 18, 1858.

Act No. 15. (Joint Resolution) Requesting the Governor to forward to the Governor of Texas a copy of an Act "to improve the navigation of the Sabine River," approved March 19, 1857. Approved, February 15, 1858. Promulgated, February 27, 1858.

Act No. 46. To appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the completion of the Snag and Dredging Boat "David A. Randall," now being built under the superintendence of the *State Engineer* for Bayou Lafourche. Approved, March 5, 1858. Promulgated, March 16, 1858.

Act No. 50. (Joint Resolution) Asking Congress to grant to the State of Louisiana all the public lands within the State, for internal improvement purposes. Approved, March 5, 1858. Promulgated, March 16, 1858.

Act No. 51. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to, as soon as practicable, cause to be removed the obstructions in the Amite, Tangipahoe, and Blood Rivers; also in the Natalbany and Pontchatoula.**** Approved, March 6, 1858. Promulgated, March 16, 1858.

Act No. 56. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* to send a dredgeboat into what is known as Woodruff's Ditch, in the Parish of West Feliciana, and "to cut the same to a depth sufficient for the purpose of changing the present course of the Bayou Sara, and turning the channel through said ditch." Approved, March 6, 1858. Promulgated, March 25, 1858.

Act No. 57. Requiring the *State Engineer* "to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Calcasieu River, beginning at the old town of Marion, on said stream, and continuing up to the junction of the Dearborn and Whiscochitto." Approved, March 6, 1858. Promulgated, March 25, 1858.

Act No. 60. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to cause to be made a survey of the Bayou Cut-off, "with the view of ascertaining the practicability of turning the Red River into the Mississippi by said bayou, and that he report thereon (with all necessary estimates) at as early a day as possible." Approved, March 9, 1858. Promulgated, March 25, 1858.

Act No. 64. (Joint Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to urge upon the General Government the feasibility of dredging and deepening the channel over the bars now existing in the Atchafalaya Bay, and to procure an appropriation to effect the same, etc. Approved, March 9, 1858. Promulgated, March 25, 1858.

Act No. 74. Relative to the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans.

Section 1. Company authorized to construct certain works. Proviso.

Sec. 2. Company authorized to construct a railroad. Proviso.

Sec. 3. Prohibition against draining into Bayou St. John. Indemnity—drainage, how ascertained. Right of the city corporation to build bridges over canal and bayou.

Sec. 4. Corporate succession during fifty years, when the same may revert to the State.

Sec. 5. Right to grant special privileges.

Sec. 6. Exclusive powers granted. Proviso.

Sec. 7. Power to impose fines.

Sec. 8. Power to issue bonds secured by mortgage.

Sec. 9. Exemption from taxation.

Sec. 10. When Act is to take effect. Approved, March 10, 1858. Promulgated, March 25, 1858.

Act No. 79. To dispose of the Road and Levee Fund.

Sec. 1. Division among the parishes.

Sec. 3. Police Juries to have control of fund, "to be appropriated exclusively for laying out and constructing public roads, building bridges, and building and repairing levees: Provided, that as relates to the Parish of Orleans the Common Council and the Police Jury of the Parish on the right bank of the river Mississippi shall have concurrent control of the application of the fund." Approved, March 9, 1858. Promulgated, March 29, 1858.

Act No. 83. Authorizing and directing the *State Engineer* to cause to be made all surveys that he shall find necessary to ascertain, "in a positive manner, the effect that would result to the lands of the section of the country which might be affected by the completion and opening of the Lafourche Outlet, commenced and prosecuted heretofore under the charge of the Swamp Land Board." Approved, March 13, 1858. Promulgated, March 29, 1858.

Act No. 100. (Preamble and Resolutions) Relative to the shallow lakes of the State. "Preamble. Whereas, the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington City has decided that the shallow lakes, or such lakes as have been reclaimed, were not embraced in the Acts of Congress approved March second, 1849, and September twenty-eighth, 1850, donating the swamp and overflowed lands within this State to the State, and to which lands, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the State of Louisiana has the indefeasible right, under the terms and true intent of the aforesaid Acts;

And Whereas, by this decision by the said Commissioner, the State is deprived of a large amount of most valuable lands, which was evidently the purpose of Congress to donate to this State for the purpose set forth in said Acts, THEREFORE, "Sec. 1." Senators and Representative in Congress requested to have explanatory Act passed relative to shallow lakes."

Approved, March 16, 1858. Promulgated April 2, 1858.

Act No. 103. "To provide for the completion, and to finish works now in the progress of completion, in the Second Swamp Land District, and to appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars to carry out the provisions thereof. Enlarging canal from lake to Latenache Bayou, Latenache Bayou to Cow Head Bayou, and cleaning out rafts in Muscule Bayou, and expenses in tapping bayou, etc." Parish of Pointe Coupee. Approved, March 16, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 104. "To set apart and appropriate certain moneys out of the swamp land funds for the leveeing and drainage of certain lands in the Parish of Avoyelles."

Sec. 1. The Commissioner of the Third Swamp Land District to apply \$10,000.00 to certain works in Avoyelles Parish, "on the Red River, Atchafalaya and other places," to draining and leveeing certain lands. Proviso.

Sec. 2. Appropriates \$20,000.00 additional to same purposes in same parish, etc. Approved, March 16, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 105. Appointing the *State Engineer* and the Commissioners of the several swamp lands districts to inquire into the propriety of dispensing with the Internal Improvement Department, etc. Approved, March 16, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 107. Appropriating the sum of \$15,000.00 to build a levee at Point Manoir, in the Parish of West Baton Rouge. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 109. Instructing the *State Engineer* to carry into effect the provisions of an Act, approved March 19, 1857, relative to the improvement of the Sabine River, and that the same be done during the year 1858. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 111. To provide for the making of certain surveys and for the construction of certain swamp land works on Red River, in the Parish of Avoyelles.

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Sec. 3. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the funds of the Third Swamp Land District, to construct levees and close

bayous on the north bank of Red River, in the Parish of Avoyelles, commencing at a place in said parish known as Cas-sandria, and running south along said north bank so far as the said levees can be made, and said bayous may be closed by the amount thus appropriated. * * * * Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 7, 1858.

Act No. 114. Appropriating One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars out of the funds of the Fourth Swamp Land District, to be expended, under the order of the Board of Commissioners for works in said district. Approved March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 117. Appropriating the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars out of money belonging to the Second Swamp Land District to reclaim and drain swamp lands in the Parish of St. Mary, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District, after the proper survey. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 118. Relative to certain works to be done by the Commissioner for the Third Swamp Land District in the Parish of Rapides, and to appropriate and raise money therefor.

Section 1. Directs "a levee to be constructed along Red River, on the southwest bank of the same, so as to levee in the Rapides Island, from the Jean de Jean to the levee protecting the river lands of Mrs. Flint." Also to "levee or dam the Jean de Jean at such point as to keep out the Red River waters, but so as not to injure the drainage of lands on said Bayou."

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Section 4. Appropriates the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars out of the funds of the Third Swamp Land District, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. Tax to be assessed in case appropriation proves insufficient, the tax to be assessed on proprietors pro-rata, on each acre of land; "provided the said tax shall be double for all lands fronting on Red River to that for other lands on the Island." * * * * Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 119. Appropriating the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, out of the money in the Treasury, belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, to reclaim the swamp land in the Parish of Ascension, to be expended under the direction of the Swamp Land Commissioner for the Second District. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 121. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to examine into and report to the next General Assembly the expediency and utility of cleaning out the rivers Dugdemona and Castor. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 122. Authorizing and requiring, if practicable and beneficial, the opening of the Bayous Galien and Cooley, and the ditching of Lafouche Swamp, and the improvement of other swamp and overflowed lands in the Fourth Swamp Land District. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 123. Appropriating the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, due the Second Swamp Land District, to reclaim and drain swamp and overflowed lands in the Parishes of Iberville and St. Martin; "provided the work proposed by the Commissioner shall first be approved by the Board of Swamp Land Commissioners." * * * * Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 126. Appropriating Thirty Thousand Dollars, out of the fund to the credit of the Second Swamp Land District, for the purpose of reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands in the Parish of Assumption, to be done under the superintendence of the Swamp Land Commissioner of said District, after the proper surveys are made. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 128. (Joint Resolution) Directing the *State Engineer* to send a snag boat and crew to clear away the obstructions in that part of Bayou Macon extending from the dividing line between the Parishes of Carroll and Franklin, and the bridge near the Arkansas Line. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 129. Appropriating twenty-two thousand dollars out of the Swamp Land Fund to reclaim swamp and overflowed lands in the Parish of Bossier. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 13, 1858.

Act No. 132. Making an appropriation for the general expenses of the State for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1859.

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For salary of Register State Land Office at Baton Rouge, Act No. 290 of 1855, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)

Salary Register Land Office at Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

For salary Receiver, Baton Rouge, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

Salary Receiver Land Office at Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

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Salary State Engineer and incidental expenses of his Department, Act No. 279 of 1855, to be taken from the Internal Improvement Fund, Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00), to be paid in preference to any appropriations from this fund now outstanding or made at the present session of the General Assembly.

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Salary in full of the Swamp Land Commissioners, their engineers and clerk, to be taken from the Swamp Land Fund on the warrant of said Commissioners, Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00).

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Commissioners to Register of the Land Office at Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Commissioners to Receiver of Land Office at Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

For arrearage, Four Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars and Eighty-one cents (\$497.81.)

Commissioners to Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, out of Levee and Drainage Fund, Act No. 290 of 1855, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, Act No. 290 of 1855, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, Act 290 of 1855, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, from sales of Internal Improvement, Seminary and School Lands, Act No. 290 of 1855, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Commissioners to Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, from sales of Internal Improvement, Seminary and School Lands, Act No. 290 of 1855, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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To Bertrand Haralson, being amount paid by him for maps, records, etc., as per bill and vouchers, approved by the Com-

mittee on Swamp Lands and Levees, out of the Swamp Land Fund, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$1733.75).

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Reimbursement of moneys for lands erroneously sold (School Lands) out of the Free School Fund, Sec. 12 of Act No. 316 of 1855, and for arrearages of 1857, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.000).

Reimbursement for moneys Internal Improvement Lands erroneously sold, out of the Internal Improvement Fund, and for arrearages of 1857, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Reimbursement of moneys for swamp lands erroneously sold, or paid for, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, and for arrearages of 1857, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

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Commissioners to the Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, for arrearages due him on the sale of swamp and overflowed lands, during the year 1857, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars and Thirty-six cents (\$4256.36).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, for arrearages due him on the sale of swamp and overflowed lands during the year 1857, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, Four Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-seven Dollars and one cent (\$4437.01).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, for arrearages due him on the sale of Internal Improvement, School and Seminary lands, during the year 1857, and up to January 24, 1858, inclusive, from the Internal Improvement, Seminary and School Funds, One Hundred and Fifty-five dollars and sixteen cents (\$155.16).

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Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 134. Appropriating \$7,500 to reclaim the swamp lands on New River, in the Parish of Ascension, to be expended under the direction of the Swamp Land Commissioner of the First District. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 138. Appropriating \$5000 for the purpose of draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the Parish of Vermillion, to be expended by the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District, etc. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 139. Appropriating \$5000 to levee, drain and reclaim swamp lands in the parish of St. Landry, to be expended under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District, etc. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 140. Appropriating \$50,000 from the fund to the credit of Second Swamp Land District, for draining and reclaiming swamp lands between the Mississippi and the Lafourche, etc. Proviso. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 141. Appropriating \$15,000 out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Second District, "for express purpose of building and constructing of levees in the Parish of Jefferson, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 142. Authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District, to, as soon as practicable, close the Bayou Rouge and the Bayou Petite Prairie, in the parish of St. Landry, etc. Proviso. Thirty-five Thousand Dollars appropriated out of the funds of the Second Swamp Land District to carry out said works. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 143. Appropriating \$5000 out of the unappropriated funds of the First Swamp Land District, to drain and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands in the parish of West Feliciana, to be disposed of and expended under the supervision of the Commissioner for said district, etc. Proviso. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 144. Repealing an Act entitled "An Act to raise revenue for draining certain lands in the parish of Iberville," approved March 14th, 1857, etc. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 145. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* "to open and construct a good public road, not less than twenty-four feet wide, between good ditches of sufficient capacity to keep the said road dry, from the Mississippi River to the Frenier Station, etc." Approved March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 14, 1858.

Act No. 149. Appropriating \$5000 out of the First Swamp Land District Fund "to be applied to the drainage of the swamp lands in the parish of St. James, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 150. Appropriating \$5000 out of the Second Swamp Land District Fund, to drain the swamp between the Mississippi and Fausse River, etc. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 151. Appropriating \$10,000 out of the funds of the Second Swamp Land District "to be applied to the drainage of the swamp lands in the parish of St. James, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 153. Appropriating \$18,000 out of the fund of the First Swamp Land District, "to reclaim or improve the swamp and overflowed lands in the parish of Caddo, etc." Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 157. (Joint Resolutions) Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use all their influence to put into market all the lands in the parish of Lafayette, generally called "d'Hauterive lands." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 164. (Joint Resolution) Directing the *State Engineer* "to examine the Diamond Island Bend Levee, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 15, 1858.

Act No. 165. Providing for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson.

Sec. 1. Defining limits of "leveeing and draining districts"—three in number.

Sec. 2. Appointment of Boards of Commissioners, etc.

Sec. 3. Division of Boards of the 1st and 3rd Districts into classes, etc.

Sec. 4. Powers of the Boards of Commissioners, etc.

Sec. 7. Manner in which Commissioners shall proceed to levee, drain and reclaim lands, etc.

Sec. 11. Appropriating out of the Swamp Land Fund of the First Swamp Land District, \$81,000 among districts, etc. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 16, 1858.

Act No. 166. Authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the Fourth Swamp Land District, "to cause a survey to be made in the parish of Carroll, near its upper line, from the Mississippi River to the eastern bank of Bayou Macon, with a view to the erection of a levee between said points, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 16, 1858.

Act No. 168. Appropriating \$20,000 out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Third Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of opening a channel in Bayou Pierre River, through Spanish Lake and Causnia Lake, with such other work in the channel of said river as may be necessary to reclaim and improve the swamp and overflowed lands of the State, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 16, 1858.

Act No. 173. (Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* "to send State hands belonging to that district, to the River Bogue Chitto, Bayou Lacombe, and Bonfouca, and clean out and improve the navigation of the same, from their mouths upwards, in the parishes of Washington and St. Tammany, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 16, 1858.

Act No. 184. Amending "an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act forming a Levee District to be composed of the parishes of Carroll, Madison and Catahoula, etc."

Sec. 1. Specific tax to be assessed on certain lands (ten cents per acre, annually, etc.). Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 17, 1858.

Act No. 196. (Resolution). Declaring that the dredge and snag boat "David A. Randall," when completed, shall be considered the joint property of the Internal Improvement Department and the Swamp Land Department, in proportion to the appropriations heretofore made for the building of said boat, from the funds of said departments. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 20, 1858.

Act No. 200. Appropriating \$15,000 out of the fund belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of leveeing and draining swamp lands in the said parish of Plaquemines, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 21, 1858.

Act No. 201. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining the swamp land in the parish of St. John the Baptist, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 202. Appropriating \$4,000.00 "out of the amount due the First Swamp Land District, for the reclamation of the Swamp and overflowed lands of the parish of Washington, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 203. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of opening a channel in the Coushatta Chute, in the parish of Natchitoches, and improve the swamp and overflowed lands of the State bordering on Lake Bisteneau, etc.". Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 204. Amending the section of an Act entitled "an Act relative to roads and levees, approved March 15, 1855, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 206. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining the swamp land in the lower part of the parish of Lafourche, etc." Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 213. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* to, "as soon as practicable, proceed with the State force to Dorchette Bayou, and remove the obstructions to navigation therefrom between the Minden Landing on said bayou and Murrell's Point". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 217. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the money belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, "to be expended, under the superintendence of the Swamp Land Commissioner to drain the swamp lands of the parish of Lafayette, etc.". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 218. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the money belonging to the First Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the swamp and overflowed lands in the parish of East Feliciana, etc.". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 222. Ordering the *State Engineer*, "as soon as practicable, to send a sufficient force of the State hands to the Bayou Boeuf, in the parish of St. Landry, Avoyelles and Rapides, for the purpose of removing all obstructions to the navigation of the said bayou, whether these obstructions exist in the bed of the stream or along its banks, etc.". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 22, 1858.

Act No. 239. (Joint Resolution) Appropriating \$5,000.00 "out of the Swamp Land Fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District, for the purpose of reclaiming and draining swamp lands in the parish of East Baton Rouge, etc.". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 23, 1858.

Act No. 249. Directing and requiring the Commissioner of the First Swamp Land District to "make an instrumental survey of the Bayou Fountain, in the parish of East Baton Rouge, and Bayou Paul, in the parish of Iberville, etc". "Provided, that the cost of removing said obstructions shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 254. Appropriating \$8,000.00 "out of any money in the Treasury belonging to the First Swamp Land District to reclaim the swamp lands in the parish of St. Bernard, etc". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 255. Appropriating \$5,000.00 "out of the swamp land fund to the credit of the Second Swamp Land District, for the purpose of draining the lands leading from the Mississippi River to the Vacherie Settlement, in the parish of St. James, etc". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 256. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* to conform to and execute, without delay, the instructions given him by the General Assembly of the year 1850 (Joint Resolution approved March 20, 1850) the object of which is the improvement of the Harrisonburg and Rodney Road, in the Parish of Catahoula, or so much of it as is between Sicily Island and Kirk's Ferry. Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 258. Appropriating \$10,000.00 "out of the money in the Treasury belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, to reclaim the swamp lands in the parish of Calcasieu, etc". Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 260. Appropriating \$5,000.00 "out of the fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District, for the purpose of draining the swamp land in the parish of St. John the Baptist, etc". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 261. Appropriating \$20,000.00 "out of the funds of the Third Swamp Land District, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of said district to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands in the parish of Natchitoches, etc." Approved, March 17, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 263. Appropriating \$8,500.00 "out of the Swamp Land Fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District, to reclaim and drain swamp lands in the parish of Iberville, etc". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 24, 1858.

Act No. 266. Relative to roads, levees, ditches, bridges and the powers of police juries relative thereto, in the parish of Lafourche.

Sec. 4. Police Jury to have power to make requisition on white persons as well as slaves, when the circumstances require it. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 270. For the relief of the Contractors of the Lafourche Outlet. Appropriating Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars, out of any money in the Treasury belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, not otherwise appropriated, as compensation in full to J. M. Salles and Michel Richomy, Contractors for making and repairing the levee in front of the Lafourche Outlet, from March, 1857, to December, 1857, etc. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 271. Authorizing and directing the Swamp Land Commissioner of the Fourth Swamp Land District, "as soon as practicable to ascertain, by the survey of the engineer of said District, the utility and propriety of building levees across Sandy Bayou, Cypress Bayou, and Wade's Bayou, in the parish of Caldwell, with a ditch to be cut at the head of Wade's Bayou for the purpose of draining the water off through the Big Slash to Boeuf River". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 272. (Joint Resolution.) Requiring and directing the *State Engineer* "to keep and detain, at all times, at or near the mouth of Red River, one of the State dredge boats, for the purpose of keeping open the channel and removing all obstructions to navigation at that point". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 273. (Joint Resolution) Ordering the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District "to cause to be made, during the present year, a topographical survey of the entire valley situated between the Bayou Terrebone and Bayou Lafourche, etc". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 282. Requiring and directing the *State Engineer* "to continue the improvement of the navigation of the Bayou Teche, as directed by the 1st section of Act 215, approved March 19th, 1857, and appropriating \$11,250.00 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and payable on the warrant of the *State Engineer* or the Auditor of Public Accounts, towards the continuation of said work, as contemplated by said Act No. 215, approved March 19th, 1857". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 286. Requiring the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District "to examine the rafts and narrows in the Sabine River, and to report to the next session of the Legislature the expediency and cost of stopping the various outlets at the above named points, with a view to the reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands on said river". Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 289. To reclaim and drain the swamp and overflowed lands lying and situated between the bayous Teche, Tortue and Vermillion, in the parishes of St. Martin and Lafayette (Ten Thousand Dollars, out of the Fund of the Second Swamp Land District to prosecute the work, etc). Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 26, 1858.

Act No. 294. Relative to Swamp Land Commissioners.

Sec. 1. Bonds to be executed, the Swamp Land Commissioners.

Sec. 2. How said Commissioners shall draw upon Treasury.

Sec. 3. Commissioners to pay back all money now in their hands, etc. Approved, March 18, 1858. Promulgated, April 27, 1858.

Act No. 296. To fix and determine the dividing line between the parishes of Morehouse and Carroll. Approved, March 20, 1858. Promulgated, April 27, 1858.

SESSION OF 1859.

Fourth Legislature of the State of Louisiana at its Second Session Held and begun in the City of Baton Rouge, January 17, 1859.

Act No. 4. Appropriating \$15,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Third Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of cleaning out the Dugdemonia River," etc. Approved, January 19, 1859. Promulgated, February 9, 1859.

Act No. 8. Appropriating \$1,800.00, out of any money in the Treasury to the credit of the Third Swamp Land District, for the relief of Henry N. White, "for repairs done by him upon the embankment at the lower mouth of Yellow Bayou." Approved, March 9, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 9. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer*, "to send, as soon as possible, a snag boat into the Bayou Bartholomew, to remove obstructions to navigation in that stream etc". Approved, March 10, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 10. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* "to order one or more of the State boats to repair to the Lower Grand River, in the parish of Iberville, for the purpose of removing obstructions in said river." Approved, March 10, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 11. To confer certain powers on the Police Jury of the parish of Orleans, right bank.

Sec. 1. Powers of the Police Jury to levy an annual tax "for the purpose of laying out and paving streets, making banquettes, ditches, bridges, *building levees*, and effecting similar improvements," etc., (one-half of one per cent on every one hundred dollars of value).

Sec. 6. Riparian proprietors not relieved from their obligations relative to repairing and making levees. Approved, March 10, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 13. Supplementary to the several Acts organizing "The Board of Levee Commissioners" for the Levee District in the parishes of Madison and Carroll for the better protection of the same from inundation. (Twelve Sections).

Sec. 2. Bonds which may issue. (Not to exceed \$400,000; not to run more than ten years from date of such bonds; to bear interest at rate of eight per cent per annum, etc). Approved, March 10, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 14. To define and permanently settle and fix the boundaries between the parishes of Iberville and West Baton Rouge. (Eleven Sections). Approved, March 11, 1859. Promulgated, April 6, 1859.

Act No. 38. To amend an Act entitled "an Act to amend an Act forming a Levee District, composed of the parishes of Carroll, Madison and Catahoula, for the better protection of the same from inundation, approved March 18th, 1858. (Eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Commissioners authorized to assess a specific tax on certain lands (Ten cents per acre per annum.)

Sec. 2. Additional *ad valorem* tax—which Commissioners may assess.

Sec. 7. Division of parishes of Carroll and Madison into three districts, "each as equal as possible". Approved, March 12, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 54. (Joint Resolution) Requesting the Governor of Louisiana to correspond with the Executive of the State of Ar-

kansas, "in regard to the propriety of the joint action of the two States on the subject of constructing a levee in the State of Arkansas, for the purpose of preventing the flow of water from the Mississippi River into Bayou Macon and Boeuf River, in this State". Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 56. Authorizing and empowering the Board of Commissioners of the "Second Drainage District" to enter into a contract with the "Cities of New Orleans and Jefferson", for the building of a "protection levee". Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 63. Appropriating \$15,000.00 from the fund to the credit of the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of making an outlet from Bayou Rigolets to Bayou St. Denis, thereby draining and reclaiming more effectually the swamp and overflowed lands lying between the river Mississippi and Bayou Lafourche, etc". Approved, March 12, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 68. (Joint Resolution) Directing the *State Engineer* "to send a State boat at Bayou Pontchatalawa, in this State, to clean out the same and to remove all obstructions in said bayou for schooner navigation etc". (Probably refers to Bayou Pontchatoula). Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 76. Changing and fixing the dividing line between the parishes of Iberville and Pointe Coupee. Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 78. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* "to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Bayous Fusilier and Teche, in the parish of St. Landry, etc". Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 80. (Resolution). Requesting the Senators and Representatives of Louisiana in Congress to use their best efforts to obtain authority from the United States for a company in the State of Arkansas, incorporated for the purpose of removing the raft in the upper part of Red River, to proceed with said work. Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 81. (Joint Resolution). Directing the *State Engineer* "to make an examination of the bar forming at the landing on the Mississippi River at the town of Port Hudson, and report

whether anything or what may be done to render it secure for steamboats, and to prevent said bar from increasing in the future. Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 82. In relations to Lands and Levees in the parish of Pointe Coupee (Twenty Sections).

Sec. 1. "Board of Police" authorized to assess and collect an annual tax (not to exceed thirty cents per acre in any one year).

Sec. 8. Inspector authorized, when necessary in the face of danger, to "call for a *pro rata* proposition, or, if he thinks necessary, for all the able-bodied force of each plantation in the ward in which the labor may be required, etc." Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 90. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the *State Engineer* "to carry into effect the provisions of an Act approved March 18th, 1858, relative to the opening of a public road in the parish of St. John the Baptist, etc". Approved, March 14, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 95. Authorizing and requiring the *State Engineer* "to open and construct a road across the Red River swamp, at or near Grand Bayou in De Soto and Natchitoches parishes. Road to be not less than 40 feet wide, cleared of timber; and all embankments, etc.

Sec. 1. Road to be not less than forty feet wide, cleared of timber and all embankments, causeways and bridges to be not less than fourteen feet wide. Road to be located on the highest and best ground from Bayou Pierre to Red River, at or near Grand Bayou, De Soto Parish, thence across Red River to Couchatta Chute, in Natchitoches parish, so as to complete a good and passable road across Red River swamp, etc". Approved, March 15, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 106. Requesting the several railroad companies in Louisiana, in which the State is interested as a stockholder, to furnish the State a complete map of their respective roads, giving fully the levels of the survey of the same, to be placed in the Engineer's office of the State, for the use of the State. Approved, March 15, 1859. Promulgated, April 12, 1859.

Act No. 109. Declaring it the duty of the Commissioner of the Third Swamp Land District, "to advertise for contracts to drain the Island of Rapides, and construct dams across all bayous on the Southern bank of Red River, from and including Jean-de-Jean down to the levee protecting the river lands of

Mrs. Flint, as directed in Section first, of Act No. 118, approved, March 17th, 1858. Approved, March 15, 1859. Promulgated, April 23, 1859.

Act No. 113. Authorizing the State Land Register of Baton Rouge, to sell one million acres of swamp lands, donated by the General Government to Louisiana, in the years 1849 and 1850. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 23, 1859.

Act No. 114. Directing the Treasurer to pay warrant No. 723, drawn by the Auditor of Public Accounts, for \$8,428.59, in favor of L. Surgi, Contractor, under Act No. 141 of 1858, making an appropriation of \$15,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Second District to the parish of Jefferson. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 23, 1859.

Act No. 115. Authorizing and directing the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District "to cause to be dug or constructed a canal of sufficient dimensions and capacity to drain effectually the Point Manoir Levee, in the parish of West Baton Rouge, etc. Appropriating \$9,000.00 out of the Funds of the Second Swamp Land District to carry into effect the provisions of the Act, etc' ". Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 23, 1859.

Act No. 116. Appropriating the sum of Three Hundred and Nine Dollars and Seventy-five cents out of any money in the Treasury belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, to pay the expenses of said District for the year 1858, to be paid to the said Commissioner upon his own warrants. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 23, 1859.

Act No. 117. Authorizing the Swamp Land Commissioner of the First District "to make any levee or levees in the parish of Plaquemines he shall deem necessary to reclaim the swamp lands in the parish of St. Bernard, and to expend for that object the sum appropriated by the Act entitled 'an Act to reclaim swamp lands in the parish of St. Bernard, approved March 18th, 1858, etc' ". Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 26, 1859.

Act No. 123. To make the necessary appropriation for the purpose of prosecuting the improvements of the navigation of the Bayou Teche and the construction of locks therein already commenced, and in progress of construction, by virtue of Act No. 215, of 1857, and No. 282 of 1858. (Preamble and two sections).

Sec. 1. *State Engineer* to continue certain work under Act No. 282 of 1858.

Sec. 2. Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of continuing said work. (Act No. 215 of 1857, \$11,250.00; Act No. 282 of 1858, \$11,250.00; and Act No. 123 of 1859, \$11,250.00.) Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 26, 1859.

Act No. 127. Directing the *State Engineer* to construct a road from the Bayou Letsworth or Lake Depassan to the Red River Landing in the parish of Pointe Coupee, etc. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 27, 1859.

Act No. 128. Authorizing and empowering the Police Jury of the parish of St. Martin "to take the necessary steps for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Bayou Teche within the boundaries of said parish, etc". Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 27, 1859.

Act No. 145. To graduate the price of certain swamp and overflowed lands in the parishes of Bossier, DeSoto, Sabine, Claiborne and Natchitoches, etc. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 27, 1859.

Act No. 146. Appropriating \$12,000.00 out of the funds belonging to the First Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of continuing the reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands on New River, in the parish of Ascension, etc". Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 2, 1859.

Act No. 147. Directing the Commissioner of the First Swamp Land District "to cause to be constructed a canal from Bayou Paul into Bayou Manchac, in conformity with the survey and location made by the *State Engineer* of said district." Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, April 30, 1859.

Act No. 148. Appropriating \$30,000.00 out of any money in the Treasury belonging to Third Swamp Land District, "to be used in the payment of contracts already made by the Commissioner of said district, etc." Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 2, 1859.

Act No. 149. Appropriating the further sum of \$11,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Third Swamp Land District, "to complete the work commenced on Coushatta Chute etc". Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 2, 1859.

Act No. 150. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the unappropriated moneys in the Treasury belonging to the Swamp Land Fund of the Second District, together with the like sum appro-

propriated by Act No. 260, approved March 18th, 1858, to the cost of constructing works necessary to drain and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands situated in the parish of Lafourche, which lie between Lake Washa, the Barataria Canal and Bayou Lafourche, etc. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 2, 1859.

Act No. 151. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the funds of the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining and reclaiming swamp lands on Bayou McCall, in the parish of Ascension." Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 3, 1859.

Act No. 152. Appropriating \$60,000.00 out of the funds of the Fourth Swamp Land District, for the following purposes:

1st. Ten Thousand Dollars in payment for the closure of the Haggaman Crevasse, in the parish of Carroll;

2nd. Fifteen Thousand Dollars in payment for the construction of the Saint Catharine's Bend Levee, in the parish of Concordia;

3rd. Thirty-five Thousand to be used by the Fourth Swamp Land Commissioner for works already under contract, and for protecting the country from overflow during high waters in said district, etc. Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 3, 1859.

Act No. 157. (Resolution). Instructing the *State Engineer* "to send, as early as possible, a snag boat into the Bayou Vermilion, to clear the timber out of that bayou that obstructs navigation." Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 4, 1859.

Act No. 166. Authorizing the Police Jury of the parish of St. John the Baptist "to levy and collect from time to time, a specific tax on all lands in said parish, for the purpose of making and repairing all the levees on the Mississippi River in said parish." Approved, March 16, 1859. Promulgated, May 4, 1859.

Act No. 171. Appropriating \$20,000.00 out of the funds belonging to the First Swamp Land District, "to be expended by the Commissioner of said district, in accordance with Joint Resolution No. 249, approved March 18th, 1858, etc., directing the Commissioner of the First Swamp Land District to make certain surveys for draining purposes". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 5, 1859.

Act No. 173. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District to the parish of Jefferson, left bank, for levee purposes. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 5, 1859.

Act No. 174. Fixing the salaries of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Baton Rouge. (Salary of Register and all contingent expenses of Land Office, Six Thousand Dollars per annum).

Salary of Receiver, in lieu of perquisites heretofore received by him, Two Thousand Dollars per annum—all from the General Funds of State. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 5, 1859.

Act No. 180. Providing for the opening of a canal in the parish of Lafayette, for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the swamp therein, and appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the fund of the Second Swamp Land District, to carry out the provisions of the act, etc. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 5, 1859.

Act No. 181. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund apportioned to the Fourth Swamp Land District, "for the express purpose of clearing and removing obstructions now lying in Bayou Saline, parish of Catahoula, thereby reclaiming and draining the swamp and overflowed lands in said parish". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 182. To improve the navigation of Irish Bayou, in the parish of Orleans. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans, authorized to clean out "Irish Bayou", or "Bayou de Derriere", near Point-aux-Herbes, parish of Orleans, so as to connect the same with the main channel of the navigable waters of the Bayou St. John.

Sec. 2. Corporate powers granted to said company.

Sec. 4. The Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans authorized to increase its capital by the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$250,000.00 in amount, etc. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 183. Appropriating \$6,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining the swamp land in the parish of St. John the Baptist, or of paying for repairs to be expended on levees, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 184. Appropriating \$1,124.00 out of any moneys belonging to the Third Swamp Land District not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Messrs. Whitworth and Poag, of De Soto Parish, La. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 185. Appropriating \$20,000.00 out of the fund to the credit of the Second Swamp Land District, which, together with the sum of \$20,000.00 appropriated under Act No. 116, approved March 17th, 1858, "shall be applied to the construction of works necessary to drain and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands situated between the Bayous Terrebonne and Lafourche, in accordance with the report of J. Gorlinski, Civil Engineer, etc." Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 186. Appropriating the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and Fifty-seven cents, out of the funds of the Second Swamp Land District, to defray the incidental and necessary expenses of the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District in the discharge of his duties during the year 1858. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 187. Appropriating \$20,000.00 out of the funds of the Fourth Swamp Land District "for the purpose of ditching and draining the Galien and Lafourche swamps, in the parish of Morehouse, to reclaim swamp and overflowed lands therein". (Five Sections).

Sec. 4. "The work contemplated by this Act shall not be let out or proceeded with until it is ascertained that the levee will be completed that is now in contemplation in the State of Arkansas, the object of which is to keep the Mississippi and Arkansas waters out of the Boeuf River, etc." Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 188. Appropriating \$15,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund due, or to become due, the Second Swamp Land District, not otherwise appropriated, "in order to complete the canal in course of construction between Bayou Teche and Bayou Tortue, which is being constructed to reclaim from overflowed swamp lands in the parishes of St. Martin and Lafayette, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 189. Appropriating \$30,000.00 from the Swamp Land Fund of the Fourth Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of constructing a levee from the high lands of Bayou Macon to the high lands of Bayou Bartholomew, in the State of Arkan-

sas, to prevent the ingress of the water from the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers into Bayou Bartholomew and Boeuf River." (Five Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 190. Appropriating \$18,000.00 out of the funds belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, to the parish of West Baton Rouge, for levee purposes, (Five Sections).

Sec. 2. Front river proprietors allowed to receive one-half of the cost of levees built after the high water of 1858. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 191. Supplementary to an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson", approved, March 18th, 1858. (Nine Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 6, 1859.

Act No. 192. To provide for the construction of certain swamp land and levee works in the Third Swamp Land District of the State of Louisiana. (Preamble and four Sections).

Sec. 2. Appropriating \$29,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Funds of the Third Swamp Land District, not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of the Act. Approved March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 193. Appropriating \$5,000.00 to clean out and drain the Bayou Dorchette. (Five Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 194. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund belonging to the Third District, not otherwise appropriated, "for the purpose of building Dykes or Levees across old Bayou Pierre River, at the places recommended by General L. G. DeRussy, in his special report to the Commissioner of the Third Swamp Land District in 1859." Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 195. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Funds of the Third and Fourth Districts (\$5,000.00 from each) to clean out and drain Bayou Corni, in the parishes of Claiborne and Union, to drain and reclaim swamp and overflowed lands therein. (Five Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 196. Appropriating \$15,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of closing the outlets

on the east side of the River Sabine, between the 31st and 32nd degrees of North Latitude, with the view of reclaiming the swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the State of Louisiana, on said river. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 197. To graduate and reduce the price of Public Lands which are subject to tidal overflow (subject to entry and sale, under certain conditions at twenty-five cents per acre). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 198. To amend and re-enact an Act to graduate and reduce the price of Public Lands in the parishes of Rapides, Natchitoches and Caddo, "not liable to overflow from Red River, or not reclaimed or irreclaimable by levees, it being the intention of this Act not to subject any alluvial lands to the graduated price". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 199. Appropriating \$7,000.00 out of the fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of draining the swamp land in the parish of St. John the Baptist, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 201. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the funds belonging to the First Swamp Land District, not otherwise appropriated, "for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the swamp and overflowed lands in the parish of Livingston". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 202. Appropriating \$4,000.00 out of any money in the Treasury to the credit of the First Swamp Land District "not otherwise appropriated, to A. M. Kean, Syndic, for work and labor done on the McHatton Crevasse, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 203. Appropriating \$40,000.00 out of the funds of the First Swamp Land District, "to reclaim and protect the alluvial lands in said district". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 204. Appropriating \$15,000.00 "to the parish of Plaquemines, out of the funds belonging to the First Swamp Land District for the purpose of leveeing and draining swamp and overflowed lands in the aforesaid parish". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 205. To appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 out of the fund belonging to the First Swamp Land District in the State

of Louisiana, to the parish of St. Charles for levee purposes. (Five Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 206. Relative to contracts for Civil Engineering and Surveying under the authority of the Board of Swamp Land Commissioners. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 207. Appropriating, out of the Fund belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, to the parish of St. Charles, the sum of \$5,600.00 for levee purposes (Five Sections). Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 220. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Louisiana Central Stem of the Mississippi & Pacific Railroad Co. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 232. To provide for the enumeration of a proposed new parish, to be called the Parish of Red River. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 7, 1859.

Act No. 241. Appropriating \$700.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund "for the purpose of reimbursing to A. W. Bell, money expended and for services rendered as agent of the State in adjusting the approval of the swamp and overflowed lands enuring to the State under Acts of Congress, approved March 2nd, 1849, and September 28th, 1850." Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 12, 1859.

Act No. 242. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the State Engineer to deliver the aged and infirm negroes belonging to the State to the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 12, 1859.

Act No. 246. To recognize and grant the right of way to the Sabine and Galveston Bay Railroad & Lumber Company. (Preamble and nine Sections). * * * * *

Section 2. Investigating the Corporation "with right of locating, constructing, owning and maintaining a railroad, commencing at a point on the Sabine River, in the Parish of Calcasieu, opposite the Town of Madison, in Orange County, Texas; thence East to a point at or near the Town of New Iberia, or stopping at any point nearer the Sabine, at which it may be enabled to form a junction with the "New Orleans, Opelousas & Great Western Railroad," etc., etc. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 12, 1859.

Act No. 254. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the *State Engineer* "to send a dredge boat, as soon as practicable, into the Calcasieu and Mermentau rivers, in the parish of Calcasieu, to remove the obstructions to the navigation at the mouth of said rivers". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 12, 1859.

Act No. 259. To give the Police Jury of the parish of Rapides, control of the lock on Bayou Lamourie. Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 14, 1859.

Act No. 262. Appropriating \$35,000.00 "out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of preserving the navigation of Old River between the mouth of the Red River and the Mississippi, and also to make such examinations and surveys as may be required to establish the works necessary to prevent a separation of Red and Mississippi Rivers". (Four Sections).

Sec. 2. The works and surveys ordered by the first section of the Act, to be in accordance with the recommendation made by the *State Engineer* in his special report on Bayou Cut-off, on the 7th day of February, 1859, and shall be carried on under the direction of the Internal Improvement Department". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 14, 1859.

Act No. 267. Appropriating \$5,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund "for the execution of surveys necessary to the calculation of the area of lands listed to the State under the swamp grants, whose contents cannot now be determined because of imperfection in the U. S. Surveys, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 14, 1859.

Act No. 279. To organize a Board of Public Works (Twenty-four Sections).

Sec. 1. State divided into four districts—Internal Improvement, Leveeing, Draining and Reclaiming Districts—corresponding to the existing First, Second, Third and Fourth Swamp Land Districts, respectively.

Sec. 10. One Chief and four Assistant Engineers to be appointed.

Sec. 17. Duty of the Commissioners to examine and ascertain the safest method of conducting the floods from the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, etc". Approved, March 17, 1859. Promulgated, May 17, 1859.

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Act No. 10. To repeal an Act entitled "An Act in relation to Lands and Levees in the parish of Pointe Coupee." Approved, January 26, 1860. Promulgated, February 12, 1860.

Act No. 11. Investing the Police Jury of the parish of Pointe Coupee "with full and entire control over all the levees in the said parish, etc.". Approved, January 26, 1860. Promulgated, February 12, 1860.

Act No. 20. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works "to go immediately to the parish of West Baton Rouge and examine thoroughly the canal recently dug by order of the Second Swamp Land Commissioner, in the rear of Point Manior Levee, and report, etc." Approved, February 14, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 22. Instructing the Board of Public Works to cause to be made a Topographical Survey of the lands bordering on the Castor and Dugdemona Bayous, "for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of leveeing, draining and reclaiming said lands, and that they report, etc.". Approved, February 15, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 23. Instructing the Board of Public Works "to send an Engineer, forthwith, to examine the embankment at the mouth of Bayou Cowhead, on the Atchafalaya River, and also the canal between Cowhead and Muscle Bayous, in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, and report, etc." Approved, February 15, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 24. Requiring the Board of Public Works "to report to the Legislature, at as early a day as practicable, as to the importance and mode of preserving the navigation of Red River, by preventing too large a volume of water passing down Tones Bayou, and also the cost of the same". Approved, February 17, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 28. (Joint Resolution) Appointing a Committee of five members of the House and three members of the Senate "to examine into the affairs of the office of the late *State Engineer*, and to report, etc.". Approved, February 17, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 29. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the Board of Public Works "to examine and report to the Legislature as early as practicable, as to the utility and practicability, and the

cost of constructing a levee or dam across Old River, through which Red River communicates with the Atchafalaya River, etc". Approved, February, 17, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 30. (Joint Resolution) Requiring the Board of Public Works "to examine and report to the Legislature as early as practicable, as to the practicability and probable cost of partially closing the mouth of the Atchafalaya River on the Old River, so as to reduce the present width of the Atchafalaya to the width of sixty feet, etc". Approved, February 17, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 32. (Joint Resolution) Instructing the Board of Public Works "to send a competent Engineer to examine and report the condition of the levees on Cat Island, etc". Approved, February 23, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 35. (Joint Resolution). Instructing the Board of Public Works "to have an examination made on the line dividing Ranges two and three East, in Township thirteen South, Southwestern District of Louisiana. Also that part of land lying North of Grand Cheniere and South of the River Mermentau, and, if practicable, to cause drains to be made, etc". Approved, February 23, 1860. Promulgated, March 22, 1860.

Act No. 44. Appropriating \$300.00 "out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of making a survey and report upon the best manner of preserving the navigation of Red River at Scopinis Point, etc". Approved, February 23, 1860. Promulgated, March 27, 1860.

Act No. 48. Directing and requiring the Board of Public Works "to have an examination made of a levee extending from the highlands on Bayou Macon to those of Bayou Bartholomew which levee was directed to be made under certain provisions by the State of Louisiana, under Act No. 189, approved March 17th, 1859, and to report, etc". Approved, February 25, 1860. Promulgated, March 27, 1860.

Act No. 52. Amending and re-enacting an Act entitled an Act to reclaim and drain swamp lands in the parish of St. Mary, approved March 17th, 1858, so as to read as follows:

"That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated out of the Swamp Land Fund to reclaim and drain swamp lands in the parish of St. Mary, etc." Approved, February 27, 1860. Promulgated, March 27, 1860.

Act No. 75. (Joint Resolution) Directing the Board of Public Works "to cause to be made a thorough examination of the

swamp lands lying between Harrisonburg and Trinity, on the Ouachita, and lands lying North of Little River and below Catahoula Lake, for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of draining and reclaiming said lands, and the amount of acres that may be reclaimed by building a levee on the low lands between Trinity and the Pine Hills near Harrisonburg, etc". Approved, March 2, 1860. Promulgated, March 28, 1860.

Act No. 79. Instructing the Board of Public Works "to cause to be made, at as early a day as practicable, a survey of Bayou Conway, in the parishes of Ascension and St. James, and report the probable cost of removing all obstructions for the purpose of drainage and reclaiming inundated lands". Approved, March 2, 1860. Promulgated, March 31, 1860.

Act No. 104. Requiring the Board of Public Works "to examine the Bayous Coolie and Bonn-Idee in the parish of Morehouse, and report at the next session of this Legislature, the practicability of cleaning out said bayous, ditch and draining the same by canal into Deep Bayou and Bayou Lafourche", etc. Approved, March 8, 1860. Promulgated, April 6, 1860.

Act No. 132. (Joint Resolution) Requesting the Board of Public Works "to survey and examine the outlets of Hurricane Bayou, Red Mouth Bayou, Little Creek and Muddy Bayou, on Boeuf River, in the parish of Franklin, and report, etc." Approved, March 12, 1860. Promulgated, April 12, 1860.

Act No. 154. (Joint Resolution) Authorizing and directing the Board of Public Works "to lend one of the State boats, machinery, tackle, etc., to Joshua Baker and Charles Palfrey, to be used by them at their own expense in clearing out obstructions to the navigation of Bayou Pigeon and Grand River, etc". Approved, March 10, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 157. Appropriating the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, out of the Swamp Land Fund, to John McEnery, for his services in listing and checking one hundred and seventy thousand and eight acres of swamp land belonging to the State of Louisiana, at the Land Office at Monroe. Approved, March 10, 1860. Promulgated, April 23, 1860.

Act No. 159. Authorizing the Board of Public Works "to cause the Point Manoir Levee to be drained, and to cause the canal lately cut from Lake Sardine into Stumpy Bayou to be closed, if in their opinion the said canal increase the servitude and throws more water into Stumpy to the injury of the plantations of Fausse River and below on said bayou; and for that purpose, the sum of One Thousand Dollars from the Second Swamp

Land District be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be drawn according to law". Approved, March 10, 1860. Promulgated, April 23, 1860.

Act No. 174. Appropriating a sum "not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars" out of the fund belonging to the Second District, "to pay for the construction of the levee at the Bonnet Carre Point in the parish of St. John the Baptist". Approved, March 12, 1860. Promulgated, April 23, 1860.

Act No. 198. To authorize the parish of Tensas to issue bonds for levee purposes (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. The Police Jury of the parish of Tensas authorized and empowered to issue bonds for a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 to run not over five years, with interest at the rate of eight per cent., per annum from the date of issue, etc.

Sec. 2. Police Jury to levy tax on lands to pay interest on said bonds, etc. Approved, March 13, 1860. Promulgated, April 26, 1860.

Act No. 203. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to improve the navigation of the Sabine river, approved March 19th", 1857, —No. 242.

Sec. 1. Authorizing and requesting the Board of Public Works "to have the navigation of the Sabine River improved on the condition that the authorities of the State of Texas shall have expended a like sum for the same purpose, etc".

Conditional appropriation of \$15,000.00 to carry out provisions of Act. Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 26, 1860.

Act No. 204. Appropriating \$2,500.00 out of the fund belonging to the Fourth Swamp Land District, "for the purpose of repairing the Cut-off Bayou and Island Bayou Levees", in the parish of Catahoula, "and extending same by wing levees, etc". Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 26, 1860.

Act No. 205. To amend an Act entitled an Act supplementary to an Act entitled "an Act to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson", approved March 18th, 1858. Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 26, 1860.

Act No. 207. To empower the Police Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge, to regulate and control the drainage of said parish (Seventeen Sections). Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 27, 1860.

Act No. 212. To revive and re-enact an Act entitled An Act appropriating \$20,000.00 for the parish of Terrebonne, out of the

funds due the Second Swamp Land District, number 116, approved March 17th, 1858. Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 27, 1860.

Act No. 215. To re-enact and revive an Act entitled "an Act to drain swamp lands in the parish of Lafourche", No. 206, approved March 18th, 1858; and appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the swamp land money belonging to the Second Swamp Land District, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act, etc. Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 27, 1860.

Act No. 218. To graudate the swamp lands in the parishes of Vermillion and Calcasieu, to actual settlers, etc. Approved, March 14, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 222. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "an Act to set apart certain moneys out of the Swamp Land Funds, for the leveeing and drainage of certain lands in the parish of Avoyelles", approved March 16th, 1858. (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. Act of March 17, 1858, amended.

Ten Thousand Dollars appropriated—to what purpose.

Sec. 2. Seventeen Thousand Dollars appropriated—to what purpose. (Draining Lake Pearl into Bayou des Glaizes, and for leveeing and draining other places in the parish of Avoyelles).

Sec. 3. When to take effect.

Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 233. An Act to amend the fourth Section of an Act entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, to build a levee extending from the high lands on Bayou Macon to those of Bayou Bartholomew" (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. Amendment.

Sec. 4. State Treasurer to pay to the Contractor for the construction of said levee the sum of \$30,000.00 at most. Proviso.

Proof required of an appropriation by the State of Arkansas, etc.

Sec. 2. Engineers salary.

Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 234. Appropriating \$27,500.00 out of the funds belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, "to complete the work contracted for, and in course of completion in the parish of Rapides, etc". Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 235. Providing for the sale, for cash to the highest bidder, by the Governor, of all slaves belonging to the Internal Improvement Department of the State, except four Engineers and four Firemen, to be selected by the Chief Engineer of the State, etc. Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 3, 1860.

Act No. 237. To authorize the people of Bossier parish to remove all obstructions to keel-boat navigation from Bayou Bodeau, Lake Bodeau, Cross and Mack's Bayou, into Red River. Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 243. Instructing and requiring the Board of Public Works "to cause with the least practicable delay, a cut-off to be made at Scopini's Point, on Red River, commencing at a point about a mile and a half above the head of Tones Bayou, passing through the narrowest practicable point of said point, and following as nearly as possible the course of the river below said point to divert the water from Tones Bayou, and cause the currents of the river to pass through said cut-off. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 2. Expropriation of lands through which the cut-off may pass. Assessment by a jury of free-holders and payment for the same.

Sec. 5. Authority of Commissioners to draw \$5,000.00 to defray expenses of cut-off. Approved, March 15, 1860. Promulgated, April 28, 1860.

Act No. 245. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1861.

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For salary of Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, and for all contingent expenses of office, under Act of 1859, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, under Act of 1859, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary Clerk Register Land Office, at Baton Rouge, Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00).

Salary Register Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). * * * *

Salary Receiver Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). * * * *

Salary Captains of four Steamboats in the service of the State, from the Internal Improvement Fund, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). * * * * *

Salary, Board of Public Works, its Engineers and Secretary, from the Levee and Drainage Fund, Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00).

For expenses of Surveyors, advertising and travelling expenses, Board of Public Works, out of Swamp Land Fund, to be drawn only as incurred, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Salary Surveyor General, Act 328 of 1855, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). * * * * *

Commissioners to Register, Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Arrearages of 1859 due Register and Receiver of Land Office at Winnsboro, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)—or so much thereof as may be due * * * * *

Reimbursement of moneys for Swamp Lands erroneously sold, or paid, out of Levee and Drainage Fund, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) * * * * *

Reimbursement of moneys for Internal Improvement Lands erroneously sold, out of Internal Improvement Fund, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * * * *

Appropriations to dispose of Road and Levee Fund accruing to the several Parishes, during the year 1860, Act 79 of 1858, Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00).

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SESSION OF 1861.

**Fifth Legislature of the State of Louisiana at its Second Session
Held and Begun in the City of Baton Rouge, January
21, 1861.**

(There was an Extra Session held in December, 1860, during which five Acts were passed, but none relating to levee matters, or kindred subjects).

Act No. 24. To repeal an Act entitled An Act to change the boundaries of the parishes of Iberville and Pointe Coupee.

Sec. 1. Repealing clause.

Sec. 2. Limits fixed.

The plantation of Willie Barrow declared to be in the parish of Pointe Coupee. Approved, February 21, 1861. Promulgated, March 24, 1861.

Act No. 25. Appointing a Special Committee "to consist of ten from the House and five from the Senate, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the propriety of abolishing the Board of Public Works, etc". Approved, February 21, 1861. Promulgated, March 24, 1861.

Act No. 29. (Resolutions) Directing the Board of Public Works "to continue the survey and examination made of the Bayou Lafourche in the year 1860, from Lockport to the Gulf, and to report, at as early a day as practicable, as to the necessity and utility of cleaning out the Bayou Lafourche, so as to facilitate the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands of the neighborhood and with a view of enlarging the channel so as to aid the flow of the surplus waters accumulating in the bed of the stream. Approved, February 21, 1861. Promulgated, March 27, 1861.

Act No. 33. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson" approved March 18th, 1858.

Sec. 1. Limits of the First Drainage District.

Sec. 2. Second District.

Sec. 3. Third District.

Approved, February 28, 1861. Promulgated, March 27, 1861.

Act No. 34. Concerning the term of office of the Commissioners of the Second Drainage District, of certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson. Approved, February 28, 1861. Promulgated, March 27, 1861.

Act No. 44. (Joint Resolution) Providing for the appointment of a Committee "to be composed of five members of the Senate and seven members of the House, to consider the situation of the Public Lands of the State, the number of officers connected therewith, and the necessity therefor, and should it be deemed advisable, to report at as early a day as practicable, a general system relative thereto, adapted to our present condition, etc". Approved, February 28, 1861. Promulgated, March 30, 1861.

Act No. 51. To amend an Act entitled "An Act for the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility", approved March 14th, 1855. Approved, March 1, 1861. Promulgated, March 31, 1861.

Act No. 63. Authorizing and empowering the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry, "to pass all such ordinances and laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as may be deemed necessary and proper, relative to roads and levees in the alluvial lands in said parish, subject to overflow by the waters of the Atchafalaya River, and to impose and collect ad valorem tax on all said lands protected or reclaimed by levees, for the purpose, etc'". Approved, March 2, 1861. Promulgated, April 4, 1861.

Act No. 71. To repeal an Act entitled "An Act to organize a Board of Public Works," approved March 17th, 1859. Approved, March 4, 1861. Promulgated, April 10, 1861.

Act No. 81. Authorizing the payment of the balance due by the State to James M. Searles, Engineer of the First Swamp Land District (One Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars and Thirty cents) appropriated out of the Levee and Drainage Fund to the credit of the First Swamp Land District. Approved, March 5, 1861. Promulgated, April 10, 1861.

Act No. 88. For the relief of the unfortunate poor who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, from the effects of the late unprecedented drought and overflow. (Thirty Thousand Dollars, appropriated. Fund not specified. No parish to receive more than \$1,500.00). Approved, March 7, 1861. Promulgated, April 10, 1861.

Act No. 126. Declaring that "for the future it shall not be lawful for the Board of Levee Commissioners of the parishes of Carroll and Madison to assess and collect any more levee tax in the parish of Carroll, except such levee tax as may be necessary to meet the present indebtedness of said board in bonds and other liabilities". Approved, March 13, 1861. Promulgated, April 17, 1861.

Act No. 128. Creating "an additional Levee District in and for the parish of Rapides, said District to begin on the north side of Red River, opposite the plantation of R. C. Cummings, at the Bluff, and extend to the Cut-off Bayou, opposite the plantation of Sam Compton, in said parish". Approved, March 13, 1861. Promulgated, April 17, 1861.

Act No. 147. To provide for the sale of the remaining slaves belonging to the Internal Improvement Department of the State, and also all the steamboats, barges, engines, boilers, etc., belonging to said department. Approved, March 15, 1861. Promulgated, April 17, 1861.

Act No. 149. Constituting a portion of the parish of Carroll a Levee District (Eleven Sections).

Sec. 1. Limits of the Levee District.

Sec. 2. Commissioners, (seven) for said District.

Sec. 4. Duty of Commissioners to lay off District into seven wards. Location of wards. Approved, March 15, 1861. Promulgated, April 17, 1861.

Act No. 150. Appropriating \$9,666.66 "out of the fund belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, it being the balance unexpended out of the appropriation for leveeing the right bank of Red River, in the parish of Rapides, by Act No. 192, A. D. 1859". Approved, March 15, 1861. Promulgated, April 17, 1861.

Act No. 158. To organize the parish of Madison into a Levee District, and for the proper administration of the same. (Seventeen Sections).

Sec. 1. The Police Jury of the parish of Madison to divide the parish into five districts to be called Levee Wards.

Sec. 3. The Police Jury to annually appoint two Commissioners in each Ward.

Sec. 8. Police Jury to levy and collect a Levee Tax.

Sec. 9. Indemnity to parties aggrieved by levees on their lands. Approved, March 16, 1861. Promulgated, April 16, 1861.

Act No. 160. To protect the navigation of Lake Bisteneau. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Commissioners appointed to close up Coushatta Chute, and outlet of Boggy Bayou. (One each from the parishes of Bienville, Claiborne and Bossier, respectively).

Sec. 3. Appropriating \$1,000.00 out of any money belonging to the Internal Improvement Fund, to defray the expenses of the work. Approved, March 18, 1861. Promulgated, April 16, 1861.

Act No. 168. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, for the year ending March 31, 1862.

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Salary Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, and for all contingent expenses of his office, under Act of 1855, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, under Act of 1859, Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00).

Salary Clerk Register Land Office at Baton Rouge, under Act of 1859, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary Register of Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Salary Receiver Land Office at Winnsboro, Act No. 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). * * *

Salary Surveyor General, Act 328 of 1855, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). * * * * *

Commissioners to Register Land Office at Winnsboro, Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Commissioners to Receiver Land Office at Winnsboro Act 286 of 1855, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) * * *

Payment of interest due to various Townships of the State on sale of School Lands and Sixteenth Sections, Section fourth, Act No. 200 of 1858, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). * *

Appropriation to dispose of the Road and Levee Fund, for the year 1861, Act 79 of 1858, Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-two 09-100 (\$13,382.09) Dollars. * * * * *
Approved, March 18, 1861. Promulgated, May 1, 1861.

Act No. 181. For enforcing the collecting of Levee Taxes in the parish of Tensas. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Powers and duties of the Levee Tax Collector of the parish of Tensas. Approved, March 19, 1861. Promulgated, May 3, 1861.

Act No. 182. To compensate Patrick J. Kennedy, for work done under contract with Swamp Land Commissioners. (Preamble and two Sections).

Sec. 1. Auditor of Public Accounts to draw his warrant in favor of P. J. Kennedy for \$8,966.51, out of the Swamp Land Fund of the Fourth Land District, in payment for the performance of certain works on the Ouachita River, Sandy Bayou, Cypress Bayou and Wade's Bayou, in the parish of Caldwell. Approved, March 19, 1861. Promulgated, May 3, 1861.

Act No. 183. To incorporate the New Orleans and Mobile Railroad Company. (Twenty-four Sections).

Sec. 1. J. D. Champlin et als, authorized to build a certain railroad.

Sec. 2. Company to have the right of way through all lands owned by the State of Louisiana for the breadth of one hundred feet on each side, etc.

Sec. 3. Capital stock of Company fixed at \$2,500,000.00, etc. Approved, March 19, 1861. Promulgated, May 3, 1861.

Act No. 186. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars out of any funds belonging to the Fourth Swamp Land District, to pay for

works contracted for and completed''. Approved, March 9th, 1861. (For works contracted for with former Swamp Land Commissioners and completed, on St. Catherine's Bend Levee, in the parish of Concordia). Approved, March 19, 1861. Promulgated, May 6, 1861.

Act No. 194. To protect the navigation of the Bayous Darborne and Corneil, in the parishes of Union and Claiborne. Approved, March 19, 1861. Promulgated, May 6, 1861.

Act No. 201. For the relief of the Board of Public Works and their officers. (Total, \$8,534.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund, now in the Treasury, etc). Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 6, 1861.

Act No. 205. To appropriate One Thousand Dollars, out of the funds of the Fourth Swamp Land District, to pay certain debts due, for work already done in said Swamp Land District. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 6, 1861.

Act No. 207. To annex a portion of the parish of Madison to the parish of Tensas. (Four Sections).

Sec. 2. The Governor to cause to be ascertained the quantity of land and population of Madison, and to issue a proclamation declaring the line between Madison and Tensas to be filed. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 6, 1861.

Act No. 241. To fix and define the dividing line between the parishes of Morehouse and Carroll. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 16, 1861.

Act No. 250. To complete certain levees and drains in the parish of St. Landry. (Five Sections).

Sec. 1. Twelve Thousand Dollars appropriated, out of any moneys accruing from the sale of swamp lands in the parish of St. Landry, from and after March 1st, 1861, to complete the levees and drains on Bayou Petite Prairie, in the parish of St. Landry, in compliance with an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the Second Swamp Land District to close the Bayou Rouge and the Bayou Petite Prairie, in the parish of St. Landry, approved, March 18th, 1858".

Sec. 2. Commissioners to supervise work. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 16, 1861.

Act No. 251. To prohibit the breaking and injuring of the gates, locks and dams on the public works of the State of Louisiana, and punishing all persons convicted of the same. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 16, 1861.

Act No. 261. To authorize the Governor of the State to appoint an Engineer to take charge of the books and maps, and charts, furniture, instruments, etc., belonging to the Board of Public Works, and to superintend the completion of all Public Works now in actual progress. Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 263. (Joint Resolution) Relative to changing the boundary line between the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. (Preamble and Resolution).

(Proposed change claimed to be justified by a cut-off "occurring in that part of the channel of the Mississippi River, forming the boundary between the States, known as "Bunches Bend Island", included within the limits of Issaquena County, Miss., etc." Approved, March 21, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 267. Relative to Public Lands. (Thirty-one Sections).

Sec. 1. General Land Office established at the seat of Government, the Chief of which shall be called "Commissioner of Public Lands".

Sec. 4. Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. His bond and salary.

Sec. 5. Fees of office. How disposed of.

Sec. 8. Abolishing office of State Surveyor General.

Sec. 9. Land Office at Winnsborough discontinued.

Sec. 10. Registers and Receivers to be appointed by the Governor. Their bonds and oaths of office. Their powers, duties and fees.

Sec. 13. Division of State into Land Districts (Five districts).

Sec. 16. Minimum price of lands.

Sec. 17. Graduation of lands.

Sec. 18. Who shall have right of pre-emption—not to exceed 160 acres. (Four classifications).

Sec. 19. Only one pre-emption allowed a person. (Three classifications).

Sec. 26. Lots 16, and all school reservations to be continued. Approved, March 21, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 269. Incorporating the stockholders of the Delhi & Arkansas Branch Railroad Company. (Twenty-one Sections).

Section 1. The amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars to be raised by subscription and converted into stock "for the construction of a railroad from the Town of Delhi, in the Parish of Carroll, on the line of the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas

Railroad, Northwardly, to the Western boundary line of Arkansas, and extending the same further North should the Company now or hereafter deem it advisable to do so, with the approbation of the State of Arkansas''. Approved, March 21, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 270. Appropriating \$50,000.00 out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the Act relative to Public Lands. Approved, March 21, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 271. For the relief of T. P. Hotchkiss, late Commissioner for the Third Swamp Land District (The sum of One Hundred and Forty-four Dollars appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury belonging to the Third District Swamp Land Fund, etc.). Approved, March 21, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

Act No. 273. To repeal the Tenth Section of an Act to incorporate the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad Company, approved, April 22nd, 1853. (Repeal Proviso). Approved, March 20, 1861. Promulgated, May 17, 1861.

SESSIONS 1861-1862.

The Sixth Legislature of the State of Louisiana at Its First Session Held and Begun in the City of Baton Rouge, November 25, 1861, Extended Into and Constituting a Session in 1862.

Act No. 12. For the relief of Samuel M. Hyams, Register of the Land Office at Natchitoches. (Granting leave of absence, etc., to serve as Lieutenant Colonel in the Third Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers in the State of Missouri, etc.) Approved, December 20, 1861. Promulgated, December 31, 1861.

Act No. 30. Relative to the sales of Public Lands. (Three Sections.)

Sec. 1. Confederate States Treasury Notes receivable in all sales of lands. Approved, Jan. 6, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 5, 1862.

Act. No. 33. For the relief of certain settlers on Public Lands that are now or may be hereafter in the military or naval service of the State or Confederate States. Approved, Jan. 6, 1862. Promulgated Feb. 5, 1862.

Act No. 46. To provide for the survey of Township Ten South, Ranges Two and Three West, S. W. District of Louisiana.

Sec. 1. Survey to be caused to be made by the Commissioner of Public Lands. Approved, Jan. 13, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 12, 1862.

Act No. 48. Appropriating \$750 "out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the cost of construction of certain levees destroyed by the Commissioners of New Orleans on City defenses, under authority given by the Governor to Major Reny Buisson, President of said Commissioners, etc". Approved, Jan. 13, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 24, 1862.

Act No. 57. Appropriating \$2,880.85, "the unexpended balance of the appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Dollars made by the Act, approved March 17th, 1859," and entitled "An Act for the appropriation of moneys out of the funds belonging to the First Swamp Land District to the parish of Plaquemines, to levee and drain certain swamp land situated therein", etc. Approved, Jan. 14, 1862. Promulgated, Jan. 19, 1862.

Act No. 79. For the relief of John B. Coutier, late Register of the Land Office at Natchitoches, La. (Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eight and 37-100 Dollars, appropriated out of the General Fund). Approved, January 22, 1862. Promulgated, February 25, 1862.

Act No. 81. To authorize Commissioners (named) to draw on the Treasury for the unexpended balance of the appropriation made 15th March 1860, for making a cut-off at Scopini's Point, on Red River, in the parish of Caddo. Approved, Jan. 22, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 25, 1862.

Act No. 91. For the relief of Robert Benguerel, Register of the Land Office at Opelousas. (Five Hundred Dollars, appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, etc.) Approved, January 23, 1862. Promulgated, February 27, 1862.

Act No. 98. To incorporate the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company. (Preamble and Eleven Sections).

Sec. 1. Members of corporation. Rights. Powers, etc.

Sec. 2. Capital stock (To be fixed at \$2,500,000). Board of three Directors. Domicile, New Orleans.

Sec. 5. Right of way. (Through all lands owned by the State to the extent of two hundred feet on each side of road, etc). Approved, Jan. 23, 1862. Promulgated, March 5, 1862.

Act No. 111. To confirm certain land claims in the South Eastern Land District of Louisiana. (Description of land claims confirmed. Patents to be issued to parties named). Approved, January 23, 1862. Promulgated, March 7, 1862.

Act No. 117. To extend and amend an Act entitled "An Act relative to public lands", approved, March 21, 1861. (Commissioner of Public Lands and his Clerks prohibited from purchasing Public Lands, etc). Approved, January 23, 1862. Promulgated, March 10, 1862.

Act No. 119. Making a grant of lands to aid in the construction of the New Orleans & Texas Railroad, and the Louisiana Central System of the Mississippi & Pacific Railroad. Approved, Jan. 23, 1862. Promulgated, March 10, 1862.

Act No. 123. Appropriating \$6,269.46, out of the funds belonging to the Third Swamp Land District, to be paid on the warrant of John Holt and Michael Grogan, according to existing laws, to complete the works contracted for and in course of completion in the parish of Rapides, ordered by Act No. 118, approved March 17th, 1858. Approved, Jan. 23, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 8, 1862.

Act No. 124. Declaring all lakes which, "by reason of any natural causes whatever, may become dry land, over which surveys of the State may be extended, to be 'swamp lands' of the same character as those granted to the State by the Acts of Congress, approved March 2nd, 1859, and September 28th, 1858." Approved, Jan. 23, 1862. Promulgated, Feb. 8, 1862.

Act No. 131. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, for the year ending March 31, 1862, and to pay certain debts. * * * *

Salary Receiver Land Office at Baton Rouge, Act 267 of 1861, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary Commissioners General Land Office at Baton Rouge, and contingent expenses of office, etc., Act 267 of 1861, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Salary *State Engineer*, Act No. 261, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). * * * *

Interest due on various Townships of State on sales of School Lands and Sixteenth Sections, Section Four of Act No. 200 of 1858, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). * *

Reimbursement of moneys for Swamp Lands erroneously sold, or paid for out of the Levee & Drainage Fund. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Reimbursement of moneys for Internal Improvement Lands erroneously sold, or paid for out of Internal Improvement Fund, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). * * *

Appropriation to John W. Willis, Receiver of Land Office at Winnsboro, for arrearages due him, Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). * * *

Approved, January 23, 1862. Promulgated, February 1, 1862.

SESSION OF 1863.

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Louisiana Known as the Confederate Acts of Louisiana, in Extra Session at Opelousas, Louisiana, December, 1862 and January, 1863.

Act No. 3. Authorizing the Chief Clerk of the Department of Public Lands, "during the existing War to certify under seal, copies of documents in the General Land Office, whenever the Commissioner is absent therefrom, etc." Approved, Dec. 29, 1862. Promulgated, April 8, 1863.

Act No. 5. To authorize Sam. Clark and his associates to (as a measure of defense) obstruct the channel of Red River. (Eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Designating Samuel Clark et als., an Executive Committee; etc.

Powers of said Committee.

Sec. 2. To use money furnished by the Police Jury, etc.

Sec. 5. Notice to be served on owners of slaves, etc., of slaves ordered out.

Approved, Dec. 29, 1862. Promulgated, April 8, 1863.

Act No. 23. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State for the year ending March 31, 1864.

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Salary Receiver Land Office, Act No. 257 of 1861, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). * * *

Appropriation to McHalton, Pike & Co., late lessees of the State Penitentiary amount due them on final settlement of their accounts, in accordance with the Act of 1857, Sixty-four Thousand and Seven Hundred and Twenty-three and 57-100 Dollars (\$64,723.57).

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Approved, January 3, 1863. Promulgated, April 15, 1863.

Act No. 39. To authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Avoyelles to obstruct the channel of Bayou des Glaizes. (Five Sections).

Sec. 1. Authority given to obstruct the channel ("for the purpose of preventing the navigation thereof by the enemy's gunboats and transports").

Sec. 2. Power to order out force, etc., as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 3. Power to employ agents and levy tax.

Sec. 4. Military authority to be called upon in certain cases.

Sec. 5. When to take effect. Approved, Jan. 3, 1863. Promulgated, April 15, 1863.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1863.

The Sixth Legislature of the State of Louisiana at Its Extra Session Held in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 4th, 1863.

Act No. 32. To repeal in part Section Eleven of an Act entitled "An Act relative to Public Lands", approved March 21, 1861.

(Repealing salary to State Treasurer as General Receiver). Approved, June 20, 1863. Promulgated, July 18, 1863.

Act No. 40. Consenting that the Confederate States of America, may purchase a tract of land in the State for certain purposes.

Sec. 1. The Confederate States may purchase a tract of land in the parish of Caddo, "for the purpose of erecting an arsenal and other needful buildings pertaining thereto, etc. Proviso.

Approved, June 20, 1863. Promulgated, July 25, 1863.

Act No. 45. Authorizing and directing the Auditor and Treasurer "to transfer the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars of the Free School Accumulating Fund, and One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of the Levee and Drainage Fund, to the credit of the General Funds as a loan etc." Approved, June 20, 1863. Promulgated, July 25, 1863.

Act No. 49. Transferring the balance in the Treasury to the credit of the Public Land Fund, to the General Funds, as well as the "proceeds of the sales of Public Lands hereafter". Approved, June 20, 1863. Promulgated, July 25, 1863.

SESSION OF 1864.**The First General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at Its First and Second Sessions Held and Begun in the City of New Orleans on October 4th, 1864.**

Act No. 3. Regulating the per diem and hours of labor of employees on the Public Works. Approved, Nov. 2, 1864. Promulgated, Nov. 3, 1864.

Act No. 9. (Joint Resolution). In reference to the Commissioners of the First, Second and Third Drainage Districts. (Nine Sections).

Resolution. Commissioners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Drainage Districts of Orleans and Jefferson to report.

Sec. 1. Money collected.

Sec. 2. If taxes collected in advance, and if so in what amount.

Sec. 3. If taxes were collected on lands not liable.

Sec. 4. If any amount had been drawn from the Trust Fund.

Sec. 5. If any lands sold. What amount, description.

Sec. 6. Account of money paid out.

Sec. 7. Amount of excavation.

Sec. 8. Commissioners—names, by whom appointed, and term of office.

Sec. 9. Amount of money, if any, received by the present Boards from their predecessors.

Approved, Nov. 29, 1864. Promulgated, Nov. 30, 1864.

Act No. 14. To authorize the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to transfer, as a loan, to the credit of the General Fund, the sum of \$25,000 from the Internal Improvement Fund. Approved, Dec. 19, 1864. Promulgated, Dec. 21, 1864.

Act No. 17. For the payment of Land Office Documents, bought by the Provisional Register thereof. (State Treasurer authorized to pay to Joseph Gorlinski, Provisional Register State Land Office, at New Orleans, upon his warrant, Twenty-Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$2,540.00) out of Swamp Land Funds, etc). Approved, December 31, 1864. Promulgated, January 4, 1865.

Act No. 57. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1865.

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For the maintenance of State Convicts, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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Approved, April 4, 1865. Promulgated, April 27, 1865.

SESSION OF 1866.

General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the First Session of the Second Legislature, Held and Begun in the City of New Orleans, January 22, 1866.

Act No. 3. To authorize the State Treasurer to return a certain amount of money (\$500,000.00) from the General Fund to the Levee & Drainage Fund, and to authorize the payment of the same for levee purposes.

Approved, February 9, 1866. Promulgated, February 19, 1866.

Act No. 20. To confirm and ratify the appointment of Levee Commissioners provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions. (Nine Sections).

Section 1. Names of members constituting Board of Commissioners.

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Section 7. Twenty Thousand Dollars to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, to the credit of the Levee and Drainage, or Swamp Land Fund, to cover salaries of Commissioners and all officers appointed by him.

Approved, February 17, 1866. Promulgated, February 27, 1866.

Act No. 26. To abrogate the offices of State Surveyor General and of Register and Receiver of the Branch Office at Winnsboro, La., etc.

Approved, February 19, 1866. Promulgated, March 2, 1866.

Act No. 28. Relative to the sale of Public Lands. Preamble and Resolution. (The officers of the State Land Office directed, for the reasons given, to suspend the sale of certain public lands, etc.)

Approved, February 21, 1866. Promulgated, March 3, 1866.

Act No. 47. (Joint Resolution). Relative to grants of lands by Congress to the State of Louisiana, by Act approved June 3, 1856. Preamble and Resolution. (Congress of United States requested for the reasons set forth, to extend the grant in said Act of Congress, for the purpose therein specified, for a period of ten years, or for such a period as Congress may in its wisdom deem just and proper).

Approved, February 28, 1866. Promulgated, March 15, 1866.

Act No. 75. (Joint Resolution). Appointing a Joint Committee of both Houses to receive from the Estate of Mr. Bringer, late Surveyor General of the State of Louisiana, all public papers, or documents that may be in the possession of said Estate, belonging to the State, same to be turned over to the Register of the State Land Office, and then become part of the records of his office.

Approved, March 8, 1866. Promulgated, March 27, 1866.

Act No. 83. For the relief of purchasers of Sixteenth Sections (certain sales of lands to be annulled).

Approved, March 13, 1866. Promulgated, April 7, 1866.

Act No. 96. Relative to the navigation of Red River. (*State Engineer* directed and required to immediately examine into the condition of the navigation of Red River, in this State, report on same, and recommend such steps as may be necessary for its immediate improvement, etc). (Five Hundred Dollars appropriated, out of any moneys in the State Treasury unappropriated, to defray expenses of *Engineer*, etc.)

Approved, March 12, 1866. Promulgated, April 14, 1866.

Act No. 120. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State for the year ending December 31, 1866.

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Salary Register State Land Office, and contingent expenses of said office, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary Clerk State Land Office, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary *State Engineer*, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and for arrearages for the year 1865, Eight Hundred and Thirty-three 33-100 (\$833.33) Dollars. * * *

Deductions to Tax Collectors out of General Fund, Current School Fund and Internal Improvement Tax Fund, Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). * * *

Reimbursement of Swamp Lands erroneously sold, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). * * * * *

Reimbursement of Internal Improvement Lands erroneously sold, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * *

Maintenance of State Convicts in the State Penitentiary, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), and arrearages for the year 1865, Four Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$4,279.00). * * * *

Appropriation for expenses of *State Engineer's* Department, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * *

Appropriation for transportation of Convicts to the State Penitentiary, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). * * *

Approved, March 21, 1866. Promulgated, April 23, 1866.

Act No. 129. Declaring Bayou Rouge, in the Parish of St. Landry, a navigable stream.

Approved March 22, 1866. Promulgated, April 28, 1866.

Act No. 135. To authorize the Governor to issue certificates of indebtedness of the State to the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and to provide for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees and other purposes, as provided in an Act entitled "An Act to ratify the appointment of Levee Commissioners provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions", approved February 17, 1866.

Approved, March 22, 1866. Promulgated, April 30, 1866.

Act No. 141. Relative to convicts in the State Penitentiary. (Declaring that persons sentenced to the State Penitentiary, during the years 1863, 1864 and 1865, and sent to the Parish Prison of New Orleans for confinement, be entitled to their freedom at the expiration of their term of sentence, as though the entire term of imprisonment had been in the Penitentiary.)

Approved, March 22, 1866. Promulgated, April 30, 1866.

Act No. 155. To provide for excavating or otherwise rendering navigable, during the whole year, the Bayou Plaquemine and its outlets to Grand Lake.

Approved, March 22, 1866. Promulgated, May 4, 1866.

Act No. 159. (Joint Resolution). In regard to deepening the Passes of the Mississippi River and preserving a depth of eighteen feet therein. Preamble and resolutions. * *

Section 1. Requesting our Senators and Representatives-elect to the U. S. Congress to invite the Senators and Representatives of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and other States to co-operate with them in urging upon the Congress of the United States the immense importance to the Commerce

of the United States, and especially to the States of the Mississippi Valley, of adopting some practicable plan of deepening and keeping deepened the Passes of the Mississippi River.

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Section 3. Appointing Joint Committee of three to communicate with the Chambers of Commerce of Memphis, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Paul upon the most practicable plan of deepening the Mouths of the Mississippi and preserving a depth of eighteen feet or more, etc.

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Approved, March 22, 1866. Promulgated, May 7, 1866.

SESSION OF 1867.

Act No. 10. (Joint Resolution) directing the *State Engineer* to examine New Canal and Basin and Shell Road, and to make estimates for enlargement and repairs thereon. Approved, February 14, 1867. Promulgated, February 28, 1867.

Act No. 35. To authorize the return of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars from the General Fund to the Levee and Drainage Fund, borrowed from the latter Fund under Act No. 45 of 1863, and to appropriate the same for levees.

Approved, March 1, 1867. Promulgated, March 27, 1867.

Act No. 63. Creating a Special Levee District in the Parish of Iberville, to be known and designated as the Grosse Tete and Maringouin Levee District, to appoint Commissioners, define their duties and powers, employ an engineer and clerk, etc.

Approved, March 13, 1867. Promulgated, April 26, 1867.

Act No. 78. To pay the indebtedness of the State Penitentiary. Appropriating the sum of \$24,583.22, out of any fund in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the liabilities against the State Penitentiary, as per the Report of the Board of Control, dated January 1, 1867, etc.

Approved, March 16, 1867. Promulgated, April 30, 1867.

Act No. 80. (Joint Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Directing the *State Engineer*, for the reason set forth, to establish the line of division between the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, on the right bank of the Mississippi River.

Approved, March 16, 1867. Promulgated, April 30, 1867.

Act No. 85. Directing the *State Engineer* to examine Bayou Lafourche, near Lockport, "which is rapidly filling up, and thus threatening with overflow the adjacent lands, and to suggest the best remedy that the nature of the case admits of, to the legislature at the present session". Approved, March 16, 1867. Promulgated, April 30, 1867.

Act No. 86. (Joint Resolution). Directing the Board of Levee Commissioners to take the necessary steps to stop a crevasse on the Bayou Lafourche, eight miles below the Town of Thibodeauxville, appropriating money, etc. Approved, March 16, 1867. Promulgated, April 30, 1867.

Act No. 95. To transfer to the State of Mississippi, now part of the Parish of Carroll, in the State of Louisiana, in exchange for Bunche's Bend Island, in the County of Issaquena, in the State of Mississippi. (To take effect and be in force when ratified by the Congress of the United States).

Approved, March 23, 1867. Promulgated, April 30, 1867.

Act No. 103. To repeal an Act "Fixing the Internal Improvement Tax, and requiring the Assessors of the State to place the same on the Assessment Rolls", approved, March 17, 1859.

Approved, March 23, 1867. Promulgated, May 3, 1867.

Act No. 104. (Joint Resolution). For the protection of important levees. (Levee Commissioners to employ convicts, and put same on levees, etc., Ten Thousand Dollars appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay transportation, guarding and feeding the convicts thus detailed, etc.)

Approved, March 22, 1867. Promulgated, May 3, 1867.

Act No. 106. To change the boundary line between the Parishes of Claiborne and Union. (Changed so as to include the east half of Section 13, Township 21, North, Range 4, West, within the Parish of Union).

Approved, March 23, 1867. Promulgated, May 3, 1867.

Act No. 115. To provide means for the construction of levees, by the issue of bonds of the State for Four Million Dollars, and to provide for the redemption of said bonds. (Bonds payable in forty years, and bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of six per cent per annum. To be sold at not less than eighty per cent).

Approved, March 26, 1867. Promulgated, May 7, 1867.

Act No. 116. To repeal an Act entitled an Act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of One Million of Dollars, and to provide for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees in accordance with the contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Approved, December 22, 1865, and to provide for cancelling said bonds.

Approved, March 22, 1867. Promulgated, May 7, 1867.

Act No. 117. Making appropriations to the Board of Levee Commissioners for levee purposes. (Transactions of Auditor and Treasurer legalized, appropriating \$700,000.00 from the General Fund to defray the expenses of building levees, in accordance with contracts made by the Levee Commissioners).

Approved, March 26, 1867. Promulgated, May 7, 1867.

Act No. 118. To authorize the widening and enlarging of the New Canal and Basin, specifying dimensions, authorizing lessee to use the contiguous lands belonging to the State; to obtain lands by purchase or by expropriation, under the Act of the General Assembly, entitled an Act for the expropriation of lands to railroads and other works of public utility, approved, February 28, 1855; Provided, That the land granted to the Firemen's Charitable Association of New Orleans shall be exempted from the provisions of this section, etc. Approved, March 14, 1867.

Act No. 122 (Joint Resolution), making appropriations (\$250,000.00) for the protection of levees in Louisiana, specifically setting aside Sixty Thousand Dollars thereof for the protection of levees between New Orleans and Bonnet Carre, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 123. Directing the *State Engineer* to define the boundaries of the lands attached to the New Canal and to define the boundaries between the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson. Approved, March 27, 1867.

Act No. 137 (Joint Resolution), directing the Board of Levee Commissioners to take the necessary steps to stop a crevasse on Mississippi River, on the E. and S. Roman's Plantation, about sixty miles above New Orleans, in the Parish of St. James, appropriating the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars therefor, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 139. (Joint Resolution). Appointing a Joint Committee to continue and report on the action of the Board of Levee Commissioners, and to provide for the payment of the same. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 140. (To authorize the Board of Levee Commissioners of the levee district in the Parishes of Madison and Carroll to issue bonds in settlement of the interest which has accrued and may accrue, to the first of October, 1867, upon the bonds heretofore issued by the Board, under the provisions of the Act approved 10th of March, 1859, and to agree with the holders thereof for a delay of payment of said bonds. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 142. To remove obstructions in navigation in Bayou Teche, appropriating the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars therefor, the work to be performed under the superintendence of the *State Engineer*, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 176. Making an appropriation (\$220,000) for the improvement of the navigation of Red River, from its mouth to the Arkansas Line, the improvements to be made under the direction and superintendence of the *State Engineer*, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 179. To deepen Bayou Terre aux Boeufs, in the Parish of St. Bernard, and construct a lock to connect said Bayou with the Mississippi River, making an appropriation, and prescribing that the work be undertaken under the direction and superintendence of the *State Engineer*, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

Act No. 191. To remove obstructions in Bayou Courtableau, and to improve the navigation of the same, making an appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Dollars out of the "Internal Improvement Fund" to meet the cost thereof, all to be executed under the direction and superintendence of the *State Engineer*, etc. Approved, March 28, 1867.

SESSION OF 1868.**The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the First Session of the First Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, June 29, 1868.**

Act No. 6. Authorizing and requiring the State Treasurer "to transfer all moneys now in the Treasury known as the 'Levee Fund', and all other funds except School Fund and the Convention Tax Fund, to the General Fund, as a temporary loan, etc." Passed over the Governor's veto July 22, 1868. Promulgated, July 31, 1868.

Act No. 10. (Joint Resolution). To appoint a Committee of five, two from the Senate and three from the House, "to investigate and examine the Act created by the late Legislature, whereby Four Millions of Dollars in Levee Bonds were issued, and to ascertain what disposition has been made of same". Approved, July 24, 1868. Promulgated, August 2, 1868.

Act No. 28. Relative to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of Alabama, and authorizing and empowering said Company to exercise and enjoy its corporate powers and franchises in the State of Louisiana. (Fourteen Sections). Approved, August 19, 1868. Promulgated, August 23, 1868.

Act No. 55. Appointing a Joint Committee (two members from the Senate and three members from the House) to investigate the Boards of Drainage Commissioners of the First and Second Drainage Districts, and ascertain what disposition they have made of the funds received by them for taxes since the year 1861".

Approved, September 4, 1868. Promulgated, September 10, 1868.

Act No. 59. To provide for the improvement of the navigation of Red River. (Eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Old River to be filled up and obstructions to be removed, "so as to prevent the waters of Red River from running into Tones Bayou during low water season, and by removing logs, trees, stumps and other obstructions to the navigation of Twelve Mile Bayou, Red Bayou, Posten's Bayou, Posten's Lake, and other lakes above Shreveport, and also by making cut-offs on said bayous at different bends.

Sec. 2. Commissioners in behalf of State; employment of engineer; specifications, estimates, etc.

Sec. 4. Amount of total cost shall not exceed \$135,000.00.

Sec. 5. Governor may issue bonds.

Sec. 6. Board of Public Works, if and when appointed to take possession and control of work, etc.

Approved, September 8, 1868. Promulgated, September 11, 1868.

Act No. 72. To establish a Board of Public Works for the State of Louisiana, and to define the duties of the same. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Board (of five Commissioners); how appointed. Qualifications and compensation.

Sec. 2. First meeting and organization (Domicile at New Orleans).

Sec. 3. Districts (Five) defined.

Sec. 4. Appointment of Engineers: Chief Engineer and Assistants. Salaries.

Sec. 6. Surveying, building and repair of levees, and for other public works.

Sec. 7. Commissioners shall not be interested in contracts. Approved, September, 10, 1868. Promulgated, September 16, 1868.

Act No. 73. To amend and re-adopt section first of an Act entitled "An Act for the incorporation, organization, etc., of works of public improvement, etc.," approved, March 14, 1855. Approved, September 10, 1868. Promulgated, September 19, 1868.

Act No. 83. (Joint Resolution). Ceding to the United States jurisdiction over lands in the State of Louisiana set apart for National Cemeteries. (Cemeteries at Baton Rouge, Chalmette, about one mile below Port Hudson, and Pineville). Approved, September 16, 1868. Promulgated, September 23, 1868.

Act No. 95. To amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Louisiana Central Stem of the Mississippi & Pacific Railroad Company. Act No. 168, approved, March 20th, 1856. (Changing name to "La. Central Railroad Company"). Approved, September 19, 1868. Promulgated, September, 25, 1868.

Act No. 103. To authorize the closing of Benoit's Bayou, in the Parish of Bossier, "by the erection of a levee, or dam or other necessary works at any place within four hundred yards of the point at which said Bayou flows from Red River".

Approved, September 5, 1868. Promulgated, October 1, 1868.

Act No. 108. To incorporate the North Louisiana & Texas Railroad Co. (Preamble and Twenty-three Sections). Approved, September 26, 1868. Promulgated, October 3, 1868.

Act No. 115. To create the Parish of Richland and providing for the organization thereof. (Thirteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Boundaries of the new parish.

Sec. 2. First "Board of Commissioners". Organization, elections, etc.

Sec. 3. Domicile, Rayville.

Sec. 8. Powers of "Police Jury" and other officers.

(Called in Sec. 2, "Board of Commissioners").

Approved, September 29, 1868. Promulgated, October 7, 1868.

Act. No. 119. (Joint Resolution). Directing the Board of Public Works to have examined the canal leading from Napoleonville, parish of Assumption, to Lake Verret, and to make estimates for cleaning and repairing the same. (Known at that time as the "Attakapas Canal"). Approved, September 29, 1868. Promulgated, October 7, 1868.

Act No. 133. To repeal Act No. 63, approved March 13, 1867, entitled "An Act creating a Special Levee District in the Parish of Iberville."

Approved, September 30, 1868. Promulgated, October 14, 1868.

Act No. 138. To provide for the sale of \$1,586,000.00 in bonds undisposed of, issued in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide means for the construction of levees by the issue of bonds of the State for Four Million Dollars and to provide for the redemption of said bonds", approved March 26th, 1867, etc. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Formation of a board to negotiate the State Bonds.

Sec. 3. Proceeds. How applied. (One-half to be placed to the credit of the General Fund and one-half to the Levee Fund, etc.) Approved, October 5, 1868. Promulgated, October 14, 1868.

Act No. 148. To incorporate the New Orleans & Ship Island Canal Company. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators. Body corporate and politic in deed and law. Name. Location—continuous canal and telegraph with the appurtenances—"from a point on the left bank of the Mississippi River, (descending) in the parish of Jefferson, thence through the corporate limits of Carrollton, cities of Jefferson and New Orleans, in as direct a route as practicable north of Broad Street, in New Orleans, to the Rigolets near the outlet of Lake Catherine, thence to Ship Island." Capital stock \$6,000,000.00, which may, by vote of directors, be increased to \$10,000,000.00.

Sec. 3. Dimensions of canal. Construction of other necessary works. Branch canal in the City of Jefferson. Erection of locks. Shell road.

Sec. 4. Use of canal for drainage purposes. Bridges.

Sec. 13. Penalty for obstructing or destroying canal or works.

Approved, October 4, 1868. Promulgated, October 16, 1868.

Act No. 159. To incorporate the Mandeville and Sulphur Springs Railroad Company. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 2. Capital stock fixed at \$100,000.00.

Sec. 5. Right of way through State Lands—one hundred feet on each side, and may cut and use timber, etc.

Sec. 6. Domicile, Sulphur Springs.

Sec. 13. Road may be extended and capital stock increased \$100,000.00 for every ten miles road to be so built.

Approved, October 14, 1868. Promulgated, October 27, 1868.

Act No. 163. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, for the unexpired term of the year ending December 31, 1868.

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Salary, Commissioner Public Lands and Contingent expenses of office, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Salary, Clerk of State Land Office, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Salary, *State Engineer*, Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00). * * * * *

Salary, Receiver State Land Office, One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary. * * *

Expenses, State Engineer's Department, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary. * *

Interest due the several Townships for two years, Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) * * * *

Reimbursement Swamp Lands, erroneously sold, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * * *

Approved, October 19, 1868. Promulgated, October 21, 1868.

Act No. 165. (Joint Resolution) Appropriating Five Thousand Dollars, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the relief of destitution occasioned by the late storm, etc. No distinction on account of color, etc. Approved, October 20, 1868. Promulgated, October 29, 1868.

Act No. 207. To authorize the Police Juries in the parishes subject to overflow to have temporary levees erected. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Empowered to call out all citizens subject to road duty to work on such levees; *provided*, not more than six days on any or all such levees shall be required from each or any of said citizens.

Sec. 2. Penalty for failure to work on levees when notified.

Sec. 3. Compensation and one dollar per day and rations for each day's work, etc. Approved, October 30, 1868. Promulgated, November 16, 1868.

SESSION OF 1869.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Second Session of the First Legislature. Begun and held in the City of New Orleans, January 4, 1869.

Act No. 2. To appropriate the sum of Forty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-four and 38-100 (\$42,224.38) Dollars to pay the indebtedness of the Louisiana State Penitentiary. (Payable out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated). Approved, January 4, 1869. Promulgated, January 13, 1869.

Act No. 8. (Joint Resolution) Appointing a Joint Committee (Two from the House and three from the Senate) to investigate the sale of one million five hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars in levee bonds, and to inquire what disposal has been made of the proceeds arising from the sale, etc. Approved, January 25, 1869. Promulgated, January 31, 1869.

Act No. 51. To repeal all laws and parts of laws creating drainage districts in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and providing the mode and means for draining the same, and to provide for the disposition of the property belonging to the said draining districts, and for collecting the taxes for draining purposes and the manner the funds so derived are to be appropriated to aid in the construction of the New Orleans & Ship Island Canal. (Preamble and Ten Sections). (Act passed over veto of Governor March 2, 1869). Promulgated, March 11, 1869.

Act No. 55. Ratifying the lease of the Penitentiary to Messrs. Huger & Jones, made on March 1, 1868, giving the Board of Control control of the health and religious regulations of the convicts, and punishments for violations of law; provid-

ing for the erection and repair of building and manufacturing and other purposes, and the purchase of machinery, and an appropriation to pay therefor, and the limit of the price, and for the issue and disposition of State Bonds to pay the cost of machinery and repairs, and fixing the amount of bond to be given by the lessees. Approved, March 5, 1869. Promulgated, March 14, 1869.

Act No. 58. (Joint Resolution) Authorizing the State Treasurer to dispose of certain bonds pledged to the Citizens Bank by the State of Louisiana. (Proceeds of sale of said bonds to be "applied to the payment of the amount due the Citizens Bank as aforesaid, and any balance remaining in the hands of the State Treasurer that may have accrued from the sale of said bonds, shall be placed to the credit and disposition of the Board of Public Works). Approved, March 5, 1869. Promulgated, March 16, 1869.

Act No. 67. In relation to the New Orleans, Mobile & Chattanooga Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of Alabama. Right to exclusively "inclose and occupy for its purposes and uses, in such manner as the directors of said Company may determine, that portion of the levee batture and wharf in the City of New Orleans between the street laid out between Pile Street and the Mississippi River, and from Callopie Street to the lower line (about 355 feet below Callopie Street) of the batture rights owned by said Company, and no steamship, etc". Approved, March 6, 1869. Promulgated, March 16, 1869.

Act No. 72. To provide for a Topographical and Geographical Survey of the State of Louisiana. (Five Sections).

Sec. 1. Professors of Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy to make survey of State.

Sec. 2. Annual reports, maps, etc.

Sec. 3. Duty of Superintendent "to consider the topographical and geological survey of the State as herein provided for, as a part of the regular duties of said institution, and to superintend the same accordingly". Approved, March 6, 1869. Promulgated, March 16, 1869.

Act No. 82. To create the parish of Grant, and providing for the organization thereof. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Name—Grant (From a portion of the South part of Winn parish and from a portion of the North part of Rapides). Approved, March 4, 1869. Promulgated, March 16, 1869.

Act No. 85. To create the parish of Tangipahoa, and providing for the complete organization thereof. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Name—Tangipahoa—(out of the contiguous portions of the parishes of Washington, St. Tammany, St. Helena and Livingston). Approved, March 6, 1869. Promulgated, March 23, 1869.

Act No. 91. For the relief of P. J. Kennedy. (For the construction of the levee known as Grand Levee, in the parish of Pointe Coupee—Twenty cents per cubic yard additional allowed, etc). Approved, March 8, 1869. Promulgated, March 21, 1869.

Act No. 116. Providing State aid in the construction of the "Mississippi & Mexican Gulf Ship Canal" (To connect Lake Borgne with the Mississippi River near the head of English Turn) and for issue of State Bonds therefor. (Preamble and eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Bonds of State to be issued—not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars—under conditions. Approved, March 8, 1869. Promulgated, March 23, 1869.

Act No. 123. To provide for the sale of Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars in bonds of the State, pledged by the late Board of Levee Commissioners, as security for the Notes of the Board, amounting to the sum total of Four Hundred and Eighty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars and seven cents, as specified in Table No. 2 of the Report of the Board, dated July 27, 1868. (Preambles and five Sections). Approved, March 16, 1869. Promulgated, March 24, 1869.

Act No. 128. To incorporate the Mississippi and Atlantic Ship Canal Company, so as to connect the waters of the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators—

Sec. 2. Extent of Canal.

A "canal beginning on the banks of the Mississippi River at some point South of Fort St. Philip and farther than ten miles from said fort, and running on the most eligible route to Breton Island Sound; said canal to be not less than one hundred feet in width on the surface and not less than twenty feet deep; but this canal, at the will of the Company, may be widened to two hundred feet in width and thirty feet in depth, and the bank of the same to be substantially prepared so as to prevent overflow, etc". Approved, March 24, 1869. Promulgated, March 31, 1869.

Act No. 133. To incorporate the New Orleans, Metairie and Lake Railroad Company. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 2. Stock—Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Sec. 4. Powers. All "the rights and powers necessary for the construction, repair and working of a single or double track railroad, or both, including switches, turnouts and connections, between the City of New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain, with the privilege of constructing the same or any portion thereof on the public land north of and adjoining the New Canal, or forming part of the levee of said canal from Claiborne Street to Lake Pontchartrain, the said railroad to commence with a double track on Julia Street at the intersection of Front Levee, running out Julia Street to Liberty Street, one track continuing along Julia street, and the other by way of Liberty, Cypress Street, rejoining at the junction of Cypress and Julia Streets, and thence to the lake", etc.

Sec. 5. Further powers to construct "a railroad on Canal or Carrollton Avenue, in the parishes of Jefferson and New Orleans, etc". Approved, April 29, 1869. Promulgated, May 4, 1869.

Act No. 139. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State for the year ending December 31, 1869.

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Salary, Commissioner, Public Lands and contingent expenses of office, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Clerk State Land Office, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

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Incidental expenses, Board of Control, State Penitentiary, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Salary, Receiver Land Office, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

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Interest due the several Townships, Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00). * * * * *

Reimbursement of Swamp Land erroneously sold, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * * * *

Appropriation to pay certificates of indebtedness by the Board of Levee Commissioners, as per pages 49, 50 and 51 of the Report of said Board, Twenty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven and 01-100 (\$29,707.01) Dollars * * * *

Approved, March 25, 1869. Promulgated, May 28, 1869.

Act No. 140. To incorporate the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Company. (Twenty-three Sections).

Sec. 1. Name. Boundaries. "Beginning at a point on a railroad about to be built near Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, and from there extending northward and crossing Red River at or above the falls near Alexandria; thence towards the southern boundary of Arkansas, over the country between Red River and the Ouachita River; thence prolonged through the State of Arkansas until it forms a junction with such road as may be built from Little Rock, in that State, towards Red River," etc. Draw bridges, etc.

Sec. 2. Capital stock—"fixed at Five Millions of Dollars, etc".

Sec. 3. Exemption from taxation—for term of ten years.

Sec. 6. Names of Commissioners.

Approved, July 26, 1869. Promulgated, Aug. 8, 1869.

Act No. 141. For the improvement of the navigation of Loggy Bayou, Lake Bisteneau, and Dorcheat Bayou, from Red River to Murrell's Point, on Dorcheat Bayou. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriating \$50,000.00 or as much thereof as might be necessary, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, "to improve the navigation of Loggy Bayou, Lake Bisteneau and Dorcheat Bayou."

Sec. 2. Incorporators. Name, "Lake Bisteneau Navigation Company".

Sec. 3. Engineer—to be appointed by the Governor, etc. Approved, September 24, 1869. Promulgated, September 26, 1869.

Act No. 143. To incorporate the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg Railroad Company. (Twenty-eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators. Name. Powers. "To lay out, locate, construct, equip and thereafter to own, maintain, operate and enjoy a continuous single or double track railway from any point on the line of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, within the parish of Livingston, running from thence to any point on the boundary line dividing the State of Louisiana and Mississippi by such route as the Company may deem most direct and practicable, with a view of continuing and completing the said railroad to the City of Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi.

Sec. 2. Branches. Merger.

Sec. 3. Capital Stock—"fixed at One Million of Dollars, etc".
Domicile—New Orleans.

Sec. 4. Purchase of lands. Right of way.

Sec. 8. Expropriation. Mode of.

Approved, December 30, 1869. Promulgated, February 1, 1870.

Act No. 146. To grant the aid of the State to the Boeuf & Crocodile Navigation Company. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Bonds of the State to the amount of \$80,000.00 to be issued, etc. Approved, January 3, 1870. Promulgated, February 8, 1870.

Act No. 147. Appropriating \$20,000.00 or so much thereof as may be required, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated "for the purpose of removing the obstructions from and improving the navigation in the Bayou Vermilion, etc." Approved, December 30, 1869. Promulgated, February 8, 1870.

Act No. 151. To extend State aid to the repairs and extension of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated "to aid in making the necessary repairs, and the further extension of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad". Approved, December 30, 1869. Promulgated, February 8, 1870.

Act No. 152. Supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to remove obstructions in navigation in the Bayou Teche", approved March 28, 1867. (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. Time extended "until the first day of January, 1871", etc. Approved, December 30, 1869. Promulgated, February 8, 1870.

SESSION OF 1870.

(Regular)

Begun and held in the City of New Orleans, January 3, 1870.

Act No. 31. Relative to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, and to regulate judicial proceedings in certain cases under the charter of the said Company, and the laws of this State relative thereto heretofore passed, and to declare and define the powers and liabilities of the said

Company, and to facilitate and aid by grant of bonds the construction and secure the maintenance of the railroads of the said Company within the State of Louisiana, and to appropriate certain lands in the City of New Orleans for public use, and to provide for the building of one or more branches to the main line of said road. (See Act 95 of 1871). (Eight Sections). Approved, February 21, 1870. Promulgated, March 4, 1870.

Act No. 32. To provide means for the work done, or to be done, on the levees of the State, under contract by the Board of Public Works, by the issue of the bonds of the State to the amount of Three Millions of Dollars, and to provide for the redemption of said bonds. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Bonds of State to the amount of \$3,000,000.00 to issue.

Sec. 8. No discrimination between different sections of State in the matter of constructing levees, etc. Approved, February 25, 1870. Promulgated, March 4, 1870.

Act No. 59. To provide for the removal of obstructions in Bayou Bartholomew, and to improve the navigation of the same, and making an appropriation therefor. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriating \$40,000.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury belonging to the Internal Improvement Fund, not otherwise appropriated "for the purpose of removing the wrecks of steamboats, trees, logs, stumps, and other obstructions to navigation in the Bayou Bartholomew, beginning the work of said removal at the mouth of said bayou, where it empties into the Ouachita River, and working up to the State Line. Approved, March 5, 1870. Promulgated, March 10, 1870.

Act No. 60. To change the name and amend an Act to incorporate the Mandeville & Sulphur Springs Railroad Company. (Name changed to "New Orleans & North Eastern Railroad Company"). Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 7, 1870.

Act No. 91. Appropriating, out of any money in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, \$3,189.00 "to pay Josuah James, of the parish of Madison, for work done on the levees, etc". Approved, Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 19, 1870.

(Acts Nos. 96, 97 and 98, in Revised Statutes, Civil Code, and Code of Practice, not bound with laws of 1870, but will be published in separate volumes.)

Act No. 102. To create the parish of Cameron and providing for the organization thereof. (Fifteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Creating a new parish in the State of Louisiana, "out of the Southern portion of the parish of Calcasieu and the Southwestern portion of the parish of Vermillion, to be called and known by the name of the parish of Cameron". Approved March 15, 1870. Promulgated, March 25, 1870.

Act No. 103. To incorporate the Lafourche and Terrebonne Draining and Land Improvement Company, and to define their duties, privileges, powers and responsibilities. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators. Name. General powers. Domicile—Houma, parish of Terrebonne.

Sec. 3. Capital stock—\$500,000.00, etc.

Sec. 4. Tax—not exceeding one (1) per cent. on the taxable property of the parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche or the corporation of Thibodeaux; Provided, etc.

Sec. 5. Exclusion. Tolls.

Sec. 6. Shell road. Toll gates.

Sec. 8. Public highway on margin of canal. Approved. Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 25, 1870.

Act No. 105. For the relief of P. J. Kennedy, and to provide for the issue of bonds in payment of indebtedness due him. (Preamble and Six Sections).

Preamble. For the construction of certain levees.

Sec. 1. A bond issue amounting to \$104,000.00, payable in twenty years, at rate of interest of eight per cent per annum, authorized issued, etc. Approved. Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 25, 1870.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1870.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session of 1870, Begun and held in the City of New Orleans, March 7, 1870.

Act No. 3. Appropriating \$20,152.00 out of any levee funds in the Treasury, "for the purpose of compensating E. H. Angamar and Charles Izard for their services and expenses as Special Levee Commissioners of the State". Returned by Governor, objecting. Passed by House by two-third vote. Promulgated, March 26, 1870.

Act No. 4. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "An Act to repeal all laws and parts of laws creating draining districts in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and providing the mode and means for draining the same, and to provide for the disposition of the property belonging to the said draining district, and for collecting the taxes for draining purposes, and the manner the funds so derived are to be appropriated to aid in the construction of the New Orleans & Ship Island Canal", passed March 2nd, 1869. Approved, March 17, 1870. Promulgated, March 26, 1870.

Act No. 7. To extend the limits of the parish of Orleans and to change the boundaries of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and to consolidated the Cities of New Orleans and Jefferson, and to provide for the government of the City of New Orleans and the administration of the affairs thereof, and to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of New Orleans", approved February 23, 1852; and to repeal all Acts amendatory thereto, and to provide for the funding of the floating indebtedness of the corporators as consolidated by this Act. (Fifty-three Sections). Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, March 26, 1870.

Act No. 9. (Joint Resolution). Asking an appropriation from the United States "to remove the obstruction from the Upper Red River, commonly known as "The Raft". Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, March 30, 1870.

Act No. 26. To amend and Aet entitled "An Act to create the parish of Grant, and providing for the organization thereof", approved March 4, 1869. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Duty of clerks of Rapides and Winn.

Sec. 2. Fine for refusal, etc. Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 1, 1870.

Act No. 30. Appropriating \$21,324.00 out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to satisfy a judgment against the State of Louisiana in favor of Bernard Delle Piane "for damages sustained through the Raccourei Cut-off, etc". Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 1, 1870.

Act No. 35. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, and for public and charitable institutions, for the year ending December 31, 1870.

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Salary, Register State Land Office and contingent expenses of office, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Salary, Clerk State Land Office, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

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Salary, Receiver Land Office, Act No. 174 of 1855, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). * * * * *

Interest on Bonds for Levee purposes, under Act No. 35 of 1865, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00). Interest on Bonds issued for Levee purposes, under Act No. 115 of 1867, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00). * * *

Interest on Bonds for Levee purposes, under Act No. 32 of 1879, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary.

Interest due on several Townships, Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00) * * * * *

Interest on Bonds issued in favor of the Louisiana State Penitentiary, under Act No. 55 of 1869, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00). * * * * *

Appropriation for making a topographical and geological map of the State of Louisiana, under the direction of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) * *

Appropriation to pay John Roy, for closing the crevasse on the Labranche Plantation, in the Parish of St. Charles, during the year 1859, Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800.00).

Appropriation to pay C. Escuville for expenses incurred in stopping break in his levee, in the Parish of Plaquemines, caused by the storm of 1868, approved by the new Board of Levee Commissioners by resolution adopted May 11, 1868, Eight Hundred and Seventy-six and 12-100 (\$876.12) Dollars.

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Appropriation to pay for abstracts of land entries furnished from the State Land Office, under Act No. 128 of (1858) (1855), Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary * * * * * Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 2, 1870.

Act No. 38. To reorganize the State Land Office, and to provide for the disposition of public lands, and for the survey of unsurveyed approved swamp lands. (Twenty-three Sections).

Sec. 1. Providing for establishment of office for "sale of public lands, donated to the State by Congress, which office shall be administered by a register, and be located at the seat of government of the State of Louisiana".

Sec. 12. Graduation of lands.

Sec. 13. Pre-emption.

Sec. 21. Survey.

Sec. 22. Appropriating \$10,000.00 out of the Swamp Land Fund, to carry out the provisions of the twenty-first section of this Act, etc. Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 4, 1870.

Act No. 42. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the compilation of a new official map of the State". Approved, March 16, 1870. Promulgated, April 5, 1870.

Act No. 77. Annexing a portion of the parish of Tensas to Franklin parish. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Boundaries of annexed portion—"Commencing at Bayou Macon, where the dividing line between Madison and Tensas parishes strikes the said Bayou Macon, and from thence along said dividing line, East to the range line between range nine and ten, east, and from thence south, on said range line to Big Lake, and then down Big Lake to Coming Bayou to Tensas river, thence down Tensas River to the mouth of Bayou Macon, from thence up (to) (the) Bayou Macon to the place of beginning". Approved, April 5, 1870. Promulgated, April 10, 1870.

Act No. 78. Relative to the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company. (Preamble and two Sections).

Authority to extend track from existing depot to the Mississippi River (about one mile), etc. Approved, March 21, 1870. Promulgated, April 10, 1870.

Act No. 92. Entitled An Act to authorize A. C. Banks, David Kelly and their associates, to render navigable the Bayou "Dugdemona", in the parish of Winn. Approved, April 12, 1870. Promulgated, April 27, 1870.

Act No. 106. To incorporate the Arkansas and Delta Railroad Company, and granting aid to the same. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Corporators and powers of corporation. Corporation "authorized and empowered to lay out, locate, construct, equip and thereafter to own, maintain, operate and enjoy a continuous single or double track railway from a point on the line of Arkansas and Louisiana, which is the proposed Southern

terminus of the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and New Orleans Railroad, between the Ouachita and Mississippi Rivers, in the State of Louisiana, to Delta, in the parish of Madison, La., etc''.

Sec. 2. Capital stock and shares thereof—fixed at Five Million Dollars.

Sec. 15. Governor in certain contingencies to issue bonds of the State to said Company, etc. Law by limitation. Promulgated, April 1, 1871.

SESSION OF 1871.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the First Session of the Second Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 2, 1871.

Act No. 4. Relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of this State, constituting it a body politic and corporate, with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with the said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing for compensation therefor. (Six Sections.)

Sec. 1. Corporation confirmed. Notarial act passed February 11th, 1871, made part of Act, etc.

Notarial Act, before P. Charles Couvillier, Notary Public. (Thirteen Articles).

Art. 1. Title "Louisiana Levee Company"—domicile, New Orleans, La.

Art. 2. Objects of corporation:

1. To contract with the State of Louisiana, and under such contract to locate, construct, build and own, maintain, control and use levees on both banks of the Mississippi River and of such tributaries and outlets of the same as may be deemed necessary by a Commission of competent engineers, appointed as may be so agreed upon in said contract.

2. To construct, establish or purchase, and thereafter to own, maintain and operate all lines of telegraph, railroads, steamboats, and such other machinery as may contribute to the above expressed and all other purposes and objects of the company.

3. To obtain, acquire and receive, by contract, purchase, grant, gift, devise, or bequest, and to have and to hold real and

personal estate, and all such lands, tenements and heriditaments as shall contribute to secure the accomplishment of the objects and purposes of the Company.

4. To accept and exercise all such powers, privileges and franchises as may hereafter be granted to, or conferred upon, the said Company by the Government of the United States, or of any of the States interested in the construction and maintenance of levees on the banks of the Mississippi River, or its tributaries or outlets, and further to consolidate with any Company chartered in any of the said States for the same or like purposes.

Art. 4. Capital Stock—not to exceed Twenty Millions of Dollars, etc.

Art. 11. To go into operation as soon as One Thousand Shares of the capital stock are subscribed for etc. Its duration, "for the period of twenty-five years from the date of said recording, and for such longer time as may be allowed by general or special law, unless sooner dissolved, etc."

Sec. 2. Contract of State with Company, in terms as follows:

1. "The location and dimensions of all levees to be constructed, maintained, repaired, and kept in repair and managed shall be determined by a Commission of three engineers, to be appointed as follows, to-wit:

One by the Governor of the State of Louisiana * * * *

One by the Louisiana Levee Company, and one by the Government of the United States".

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3. Management and control of the levees of the State vested solely and exclusively in the said Louisiana Levee Company for the period of twenty-one years from the day when this Act shall take effect. Right of corporation to enter on lands, etc.

6. Estimate of cost of levees to be based on report of Commissioners, at the rate of sixty cents per cubic yard.

7. Annual tax of two-tenths of one per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property within the State, for twenty-one years, to be set apart and known as the "Levee Repair Fund" etc.

9. No tax being collectible for and during the year 1871, Governor authorized to, under certain conditions, issue bonds to Company to amount of \$1,000,000.00, etc. Approved, February 20, 1871. Promulgated, February 20, 1871.

Act No. 7. To create a *Board of State Engineers*. (Eleven Sections).

Sec. 1. Creation of *Board of State Engineers*. To be known as "State Engineers"—a Chief State Engineer and two Assistant State Engineers. Appointment by Governor, to "hold their office during good behavior, subject at all time to be removed by the Governor".

Sec. 9. Report of *Board of State Engineers*, at or near commencement of each annual session of General Assembly of State required, etc. Approved, February 24, 1871. Promulgated, February 24, 1871.

Act No. 25. For the relief of Norbert F. Scopini and Francois Lattier, and to pay damages due and assessed on the tenth day of May, 1860, under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act to provide for the making of a cut-off at Scopini's Point, on Red River," approved, March 15th, 1860. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriating \$22,500.00 for benefit of N. F. Scopini, etc.

Sec. 2. Appropriating \$7,500.00 for benefit of F. Lattier, etc. Approved. Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, February 25, 1871.

Act No. 26. To create the parish of Webster, and providing for the complete organization thereof. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Created out of the contiguous portions of the parishes of Bossier, Claiborne and Bienville.

Sec. 2. Boundaries: "Begining at a point on the State Line dividing the State of Louisiana and the State of Arkansas, where the stream known as Bayou Bodeau intersects or crosses said State Line, thence running southerly along the eastern bank of said Bayou Bodeau to where it intersects township line between township twenty and twenty-one, thence east on said township line until it intersects range line between ten and eleven, thence south on said range line until it intersects township line between sixteen and seventeen, thence east, crossing Lake Bisteneau and running on said township line until it intersects range line between eight and nine, thence north three miles, thence east until it intersects Black Lake, thence northerly along the western bank of said stream [Black Lake] to the confluence of the main eastern and western prongs of said Black Lake stream, thence northerly and up said main western prong, known as Crow's Creek, to where said stream intersects the township line dividing township nineteen and twenty, thence west along said township line to the half way

point between range lines dividing ranges seven and eight and the line dividing ranges eight and nine, thence due north three miles, thence due west to the range line dividing ranges eight and nine, then due north on said range line to a point where such range line intersects the State Line dividing the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, thence west along said State Line to the point of beginning". Approved, February 27, 1871. Promulgated, February 27, 1871.

Act No. 27. Ratifying and confirming a contract between the Louisiana Levee Company and the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Sec. 1. Ratification of contract, in the form of preamble and certain terms, viz:

Contract—Modifications and additions.

First—"The Commission of engineers to be appointed under the authority of Article one (1), Section two (2) of the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly, shall be required to limit the amount of levees to be constructed, as required by their report, so that they shall not exceed Fifteen Millions (15,000,000) Cubic Yards, nor the total amount collected for the construction fund ever exceed Nine Hunderd Thousand (\$900,000) Dollars annually".

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Fourth—"A Commission to consist of three persons—one to be appointed by the Governor, one by the Board of Directors of the Company, and one by the President of the United States;

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who, with the *Chief Engineer* of the State, shall inspect all work performed by the Company, and make monthly reports thereof to the Governor of the State. * * * *

Said Commissioners, except one, appointed by the Company, shall be paid by the State at the rate of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars per annum." Approved, February 28, 1871. Promulgated, February 28, 1871.

Act No. 30. To provide for the drainage of New Orleans. (Preamble and Twelve Sections).

Preamble—The Mississippi and Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Co., "prepared to immediately undertake the work with the only kind of machinery adapted thereto, and now ready for use, and prosecute the same with energy and economy to completion".

Sec. 1. Canal to be excavated and levee built, in the rear of the City, near Lake Pontchartrain, according to the direction of the Board of Administrators. Depth and width of canals—lake shore canal to be not less than sixty-five feet wide on the surface, and fifteen feet deep in the middle, etc. Drainage to be pumped from canal over into the lake, etc.

Sec. 4. Canals and protection levees below and above the City. Approved. Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, February 24, 1871.

Act No. 35. Providing for the improvement of the navigation of Bayous D'Arbonne and Cornie—appropriating \$75,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of the Act, etc. Approved. Became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 3, 1871.

Act No. 39. To form a new parish, to be called the parish of Red River. (Fifteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Formation—from a portion of the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, De Soto, Caddo and Natchitoches, etc.

Sec. 2. Boundaries. "Beginning on west bank of Bayou Black Lake, at its intersection with the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen, range eight west, running south with the western bank of said bayou to Black Lake; thence along the western margin of said lake to the township line between townships twelve and eleven north, range seven west; thence west with said township line to range line between ranges eight and nine; thence down side line to west bank of Red River; thence up Red River to outlet of James River, up James River to Delat's Bayou, up Delat's Bayou to Bayou Pierre; thence along said bank in northwestern direction to Bayou Pierre Lake; thence with said bank to Bayou Pierre; thence along said bayou to Lake Cannisnia; thence with eastern bank of lake to Bayou Pierre; thence along on said bayou, on east bank, to its intersection with township line between townships fourteen and fifteen north, range twelve west; thence east with township line to the place of beginning." Approved, March 2, 1871. Promulgated, March 2, 1871.

Act No. 40. To incorporate the Alexandria, Homer and Fulton Railroad Company, and to grant State aid thereto. (Thirty-one Sections).

Sec. 1. Corporators. Title "Alexandria, Homer and Fulton Railroad Company, to run from Alexandria, through the parish of Rapides in a northerly direction, through the parishes

of Grant, Winn and Bienville, to the town of Homer, in the parish of Claiborne, thence to the Arkansas State Line, in the direction of Fulton, in said State, and under this name shall exist for the term of ninety-nine years, etc."

Sec. 2. Capital stock—fixed at Two Million of Dollars.

Sec. 4. Company's acceptance of loans, gifts, etc. Authorized to accept and receive to its use, for the purpose * * * any grant, gift, donation, loan, power, franchise, aid or assistance which may be granted to, or conferred upon it, by the Legislature of this State, or any of the Federal States, or of the United States, etc.

Sec. 5. Right of way through State lands, and use of timber thereon.

Sec. 6. Domicile—Alexandria, Rapides Parish, La. Approved, March 3, 1871. Promulgated, March 3, 1871.

Act No. 44. To charter the Upper Red River Raft Co., of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas; providing for the removal of the Raft in Red River, from Hurricane Bluffs, La., to the Arkansas State Line, and authorizing said Company to collect tolls on freight passing through the improvements of said Company, and providing the means for collecting the same. (Preamble and Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Corporators. Title. Duration and powers to "have continued succession for the term of twenty-five years, etc."

Sec. 2. Exclusive jurisdiction of improvement.

Sec. 4. Domicile—New Orleans, La. Capital stock, "One Million of Dollars". Approved, March 6, 1871. Promulgated, March 6, 1871.

Act No. 45. To amend and re-enact sections one, three and five of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of obstructions in Bayou Bartholomew, and to improve the navigation of the same, and making an appropriation therefor", approved, March 5, 1870. (Preamble and Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriating \$40,000.00, and such additional amount, not to exceed the estimate of the Engineer of the Board of Public Works, necessary to complete, etc., out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Approved; became law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 6, 1871.

Act No. 46. Appropriating \$53,500.00 "to remove the obstructions from the Amite River as high up as Governor's Bluff, the Bayou Manchac as high up as one mile above Hampton's Ferry; the Tickfaw River as high up as Lorin Chap-

man's; the Blood River as high up as Duncan's Bluff, and from the Natalbany River as high up as Springfield". Approved, Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 7, 1871.

Act No. 53. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "An Act to remove obstructions in Bayou Courtableau and to improve the navigation of the same", approved March 28, 1867. (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. Appropriates \$60,000.00 out of any moneys in the Treasury, etc.

Sec. 2. Appropriation, how payable—upon report of Engineer, according to progress of work. Approved, March 21, 1871. Promulgated, March 21, 1871.

Act No. 68. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the compilation of a new and official map of the State. (Compensation to Special Engineer). Approved, March 23, 1871. Promulgated, March 23, 1871.

Act No. 70. To provide for "cleaning out Bayou Portage and widening Bayou Mayers and digging a canal from Bayou Mayers in a northerly direction, inclining between seven and ten degrees west, across the boundary line between townships number fourteen and fifteen, to its intersection with Bayou Yokely, it being about four miles, and then to clean out and deepen Bayou Yokely", appropriating \$100,000.00 out of the Treasury of the State of Louisiana, to carry out the provisions of the Act, etc. Approved, March 24, 1871. Promulgated, March 24, 1871.

Act No. 71. To create the parish of Vernon, and provide for the organization thereof. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Creation of new parish "out of Western portion of the parish of Rapides and the Southern portion of Sabine and Natchitoches, etc".

Sec. 2. Boundaries—"Commencing at the mouth of Bayou Toto, upon the Sabine River, thence up said Toto to the township line between three and four (3 and 4) thence east on said township line to the road known as the Bevils (now Hardins) and Natchitoches road; thence along said road in a northward direction to the township line between four and five (4 and 5) north, thence east on said township line to the Devil Creek; thence down said creek to the range line between four and five (4 and 5) west; thence south on said range line to the parish line of Calcasieu; thence west on said parish line to the

Sabine River, thence up the Sabine River to the point of beginning". Approved, March 30, 1871. Promulgated, March 30, 1871.

Act No. 72. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State, for the year ending December 31, 1871.

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Salary, Register State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) * * * * *

Salary, Chief Clerk of State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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Contingent expenses, Register State Land Office, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

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Interest on bonds issued to the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Act No. 55 of 1869, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

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Interest on bonds for levee purposes, Act No. 35 of 1865, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

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Interest on bonds issued for relief of P. J. Kennedy, Act No. 105 of 1870, Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$10,720.00) * * * * *

Interest on bonds issued to provide means for the payment of work done, or to be done, on the levees of the State, Act No. 32 of 1870, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00).

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Reimbursement of swamp land erroneously sold, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * * * *

Transportation of convicts to State Penitentiary, including certificates of indebtedness issued in 1870 and 1871, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) * * * * *

Payment of Thomas S. Hardee, for services as Special Engineer in compiling official map of State, Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00) * * * * *

Continuation of topographical and geological survey of State, under direction of Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) * * *

Outstanding warrants of Board of Public Works, per special report of Board, Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00).

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Approved, March 30, 1871. Promulgated, March 30, 1871.

Act No. 104. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "An Act to re-organize the State Land Office, and to provide for the disposition of public lands, and for the survey of unsurveyed approved swamp lands," and to make appropriations therefor. Approved, March 31, 1871. Promulgated, March 31, 1871.

Act No. 106. Relative to the New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad Company, to provide for the extension of the main line of their railroad to the City of New Orleans for the building of one or more branches to the main line of said railroad, to regulate judicial proceedings in certain cases, and to facilitate and aid the construction and secure the maintenance of said railroad within the State of Louisiana (Twenty-eight Sections). Approved, October 25, 1871. Promulgated, October 29, 1871.

Act No. 107. For the relief of the parish of Jefferson, right bank of the Mississippi River; appropriating \$28,322.27, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to the parish of Jefferson, right bank, "for the building of the Jardos (Jarean?) Levee in the said parish", in 1867, etc. Approved, November 8, 1871. Promulgated, November 10, 1871.

SESSION OF 1872.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Second Session of the Second Legislature, Begun and Held in New Orleans, January 1, 1872.

Act No. 10. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pontchartrain Railroad Company, approved on the twentieth January, 1830, and the several Acts amendatory thereof; also to enable the Pontchartrain Railroad Company to sell to Charles Morgan, his heirs, successors and assigns, that portion of said Pontchartrain Railroad, with its tracks, depots, appurtenances and franchises, lying between Girod Street and

Elysian Fields, and to authorize said Charles Morgan to incorporate the same with the road now known as Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad, formerly known as the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, and for the purpose of providing continuous and unbroken communication between the same by ferry transportation (Eight Sections). Approved, February 24, 1872. Promulgated, February 29, 1872.

Act No. 22. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State of Louisiana for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1872, etc. (Seven Sections).

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EXECUTIVE.

Salary, Register State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Salary, Chief Clerk State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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Contingent expenses, Register State Land Office, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) * * * * *

LEVEES.

Salary, Chief Engineer, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Levee Commissioner, Act No. 8 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Two Assistant State Engineers, Four Thousand Dollars each per year, Act No. 7, of 1871, Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00).

Salary, Porter, Office Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Salary, Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary three Assistant Engineers, at Three Thousand Dollars per year each, Act No. 7 of 1871, Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00).

Contingent expenses, Board of State Engineers, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and rent of office, Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00).

Salary, Three rodmen or sub-assistant engineers, Eighteen Hundred Dollars per year each, Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00).

Compensation to chainman, axmen and their incidental expenses, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00).

Mileage and travelling expenses of State Engineers, their assistants and employees, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

To pay loan, during year 1871, from Citizens Bank of Louisiana, and Louisiana National Bank, with interest accruing thereon, for closing crevasses in 1871, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For payment of outstanding warrants of Board of Public Works, to-wit: Warrants issued by Board of Public Works, Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars and Ninety-seven cents; certificates of indebtedness issued by Auditor for the One Hundred Thousand cubic yards of levee allowed by Act No. 7 of 1871, Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars and Seventy-six cents; certificates of indebtedness issued by *Board of State Engineers* to complete contracts, Fifty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars and Seventy-nine cents; for relief of J. S. Dickey, asked for in page 34 of Report of State Engineers, Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars; for relief of Thomas O'Malley, for similar loss as that of Dickey, Six Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Ninety-six cents; for certificates of indebtedness of Board of State Engineers for salaries for which no appropriation was made, Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Ninety-nine cents; to be used with unexpended balance, under appropriation by Act No. 72 of 1871, to meet these six items, Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-six Dollars and Seventeen Cents.

INTEREST.

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Interest on bonds issued for levee purposes, under Act No. 155 of 1867, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00).

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Interest due the several Townships, Act No. 182 of 1857, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Interest on bonds issued for levee purposes, Act No. 35 of 1865, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00). * * *

Interest on bonds issued for relief of P. J. Kennedy, Act No. 105 of 1870, Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$10,720.00).

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Interest on bonds issued to pay for work done, or to be done on the levees of the State, Act No. 32 of 1870, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00). * * *

Approved, March 5, 1872. Promulgated, March 9, 1872.

Act No. 28. To reduce the debt of the State of Louisiana by authorizing the Mississippi & Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company to return their State bonds, to issue first mortgage bonds in lieu thereof, and to modify the plan of their work (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. * * * * * *“and further provide, that the said Canal Company shall meanwhile be authorized to make such modifications in the dimensions of the said canal and lock as may be rendered necessary by engineering difficulties, and be approved by the State Engineer”.*

Sec. 2. Rights to remain intact “except so far as they may be altered changed or impaired by the passage of this Act, and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, etc.” Approved, April 23, 1872. Promulgated, April 24, 1872.

Act No. 32. To incorporate the Vidalia, Red River and Texas Railroad Company, and to grant State aid thereto, (Twenty-nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators.

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“Authorized and empowered to lay out, locate, construct, equip, and thereafter to own, maintain, operate and enjoy a continuous single or double track railway from the Mississippi River, commencing at or near the town of Vidalia, in the parish of Concordia, and running thence by the most direct and eligible route to the town of Alexandria, or to such other point as the Company may deem advisable on Red River, and thence to Texas or to such point within this State, and to form such connection with other railroads, now or hereafter to be constructed, as such Company may indicate, etc.”

Sec. 2. Capital stock—fixed at Three Million Dollars.

Sec. 3. Domicile—Vidalia, La., etc.

Approved, April 22, 1872. Promulgated, May 1, 1872.

Act No. 35. To provide for draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the parish of Iberia. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Providing for appointment of board of Commissioners—three residents of the parish of Iberia, “who shall be known as drainage commissioners for said parish”.

Sec. 3. Plans and specifications to be furnished by the State Engineers, etc.

Sec. 4. Plan of lands to be drained—principally “Grand Marie”, etc.

Sec. 5. Lands benefited to be assessed, etc.

Sec. 8. Lands reclaimed under provisions of Act to be exempt from taxation until the year 1885. Approved, April 23, 1872. Promulgated, May 1, 1872.

Act No. 71. To amend the fifth section of an Act “An Act recognizing and granting certain rights to the Boeuf and Crocodile Navigation Company”, approved March 28, 1867.

Sec. 1. Forfeiture of charter if work shall not be begun according to intent and purposes of charter within six months of the date thereof, and finished within eight years of said date. Approved, April 24, 1872. Promulgated, May 11, 1872.

Act No. 84. To incorporate the Springfield and Blood River Railroad Company, Livingston Parish, State of Louisiana. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators—charter—to “remain in force for the period of twenty-five years from and after the passage of this Act”. Approved, May 4, 1872. Promulgated, June 5, 1872.

Act No. 92. To amend and re-enact section two of an Act entitled “An Act to form a new parish to be called the parish of Red River”, approved March 2, 1871. (Repealed by Act 70 of 1878).

Sec. 1. Amended and re-enacted to read “Thence up Red River to the outlet of Bayou Lumbr, thence up Bayou Lumbr to Delta’s Bayou to Bayou Pierre”. Approved, July 1, 1872. Promulgated, July 6, 1872.

Act No. 97. To authorize the North Louisiana and Texas Railroad Company to substitute stock of said Co., instead of second mortgage, in favor of the State, and to release said Company from other liabilities to the State. Approved, April 10, 1872. Promulgated, September 21, 1872.

Act No. 100. To authorize the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company to select the point or points

for the commencement of their road, to reduce the liability of the State of Louisiana by authorizing said Company to issue first mortgage bonds and to construct and employ, or cause to be constructed or employed, steamboats or other vessels and telegraph lines along the line of railroad of said Company. Approved, Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated December 24, 1872.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1872.

Acts passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session convened Decmber 9, 1872.

No legislation relating to levees, etc.

SESSION OF 1873.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the First Regular Session of the Third Legislature Begun and Held in New Orleans, January 6, 1873.

Act No. 30. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our representatives in Congress to use their influence to secure an appropriation from the Genral Government to construct the Fort St. Philip Canal. Approved, Feb. 19, 1873. Promulgated, February 20, 1873.

Act No. 32. Creating the Parish of Lincoln, and providing for the organization thereof. (Seventeen Sections).

Sec. 1. Parish of Lincoln created "out of the northern portion of the parish of Jackson, a portion of the eastern parts of the parishes of Bienville and Claiborne, and a portion of the southwestern part of Union Parish, etc".

Sec. 2. Boundaries. "Commencing on the meridian line at the middle of township seventeen, thence west along the middle line of township seventeen to the middle of range five, thence north along said middle line of range five to where said line strikes Sugar Creek, thence down said stream to the Bayou d'Arbonne, thence down said bayou to where the range line between four and five crosses said stream, thence north along said range line between four and five to where said line crosses the township line between twenty and twenty-one, thence east along said township line to where said line crosses Middle

Fork, thence down said stream through all its meanderings to where it empties into Bayou d'Arbonne, thence down said bayou to where the range line between one and two crosses said stream, thence south along the range line between one and two to the township line between nineteen and twenty, thence east along the line between township nineteen and twenty to the meridian line, thence south along the meridian line to the place of beginning". Approved, Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, February 27, 1873.

Act No. 43. To amend and re-enact section two of an act entitled "An Act relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of this State, constituting it a body politic and corporate with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing for compensation therefor, approved, February 20, 1871;" also, to amend and re-enact section one of an Act entitled "An Act ratifying and confirming a contract between the Louisiana Levee Company and the Governor of the State of Louisiana", approved February 28, 1871; providing for the acceptance of said amendments by the Louisiana Levee Co., and authorizing and requiring a yearly estimate of levees to be built; reducing the compensation therefor from Sixty to Fifty Cents per cubic yard, and providing for commuting timber into earth work. Approved, March 6, 1873. Promulgated, March 15, 1873.

Act No. 56.

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Salary Register State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). * * * *

Salary, Chief Clerk, State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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Salary, Chief State Engineer, Act No. 7 of 1871, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Salary, Two Assistant State Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars each, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7, of 1871, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary, Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary, Porter, State Engineer's Office, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

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Contingent expenses, Registrar State Land Office, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) * * * * *

Interest on bonds issued to Louisiana State Penitentiary, Act No. 55 of 1869, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00).

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Interest due the several Townships, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Interest on bonds issued for relief of P. J. Kennedy, Act No. 105 of 1870, Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$10,720.00).

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Reimbursement of swamp lands erroneously sold, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Transporting convicts to State Penitentiary, and for arrearages, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * *

Rent, State Engineer's Office, Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00).

Mileage, State Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Contingent expenses, State Engineers, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500.00).

Chainmen and axmen, State Engineers, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Rodmen, State Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Assistant Engineer for Red River, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). for the river district, and Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay the Assistant Engineers now in field.

Mileage State Engineer's Office, overdrawn, as per report, Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars (\$768.00.)

Salaries of Commissioners appointed by the Governor, Acts Nos. 4 and 27 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars each, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00).

Expenses of said Commissioners, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Contingent fund, overdrawn, as per report, One Thousand Five Hundred and Two and 20-100 (\$1,502.20) Dollars.

Rodmen, overdrawn, as per report, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360.00).

Appropriation of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of turning Big Bayou Sara Creek, work to be put

under contract and controlled by the State Engineer, and such local commissioner as he may deem necessary. * * *

Approved, March 20, 1873. Promulgated, March 21, 1873.

Act No. 58. (Joint Resolution) Preamble and resolution, asking Congress for an "appropriation by the National Government of an amount sufficient to put the levees in the Mississippi Valley in a proper state of repair, and thereafter to maintain them in that condition". Approved, March 20, 1873. Promulgated, March 23, 1873.

Act No. 66. To allow the City of New Orleans to construct locks near the mouths of New Orleans Canal and Bayou St. John. Approved, March 27, 1873. Promulgated March 29, 1873.

Act No. 78. To amend an Act and re-enact section seven of an act entitled An Act to form a new parish to be called the parish of Red River. Approved, April 8, 1873. Promulgated, April 10, 1873.

Act No. 83. Chartering the Monroe, Bastrop and Arkansas Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of that Company, and authorizing the Company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the Company to secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad. (Twelve Sections).

Sec. 3. Objects of Company—"to lay out, locate, construct, equip, and thereafter own, maintain, operate, and enjoy a continuous single or double track railway from the town of Monroe, by way of Bastrop, in the parish of Morehouse, to such point in the State of Arkansas as may be hereafter determined by the Board of Directors of this Company, looking to a connection with the railroads in the State of Arkansas". Approved, April 10, 1873. Promulgated, April 13, 1873.

Act No. 90. (Joint Resolution) Relative to requesting the Senators and Representatives of the State to appeal to Congress to include Cane River, in the parish of Natchitoches, in the appropriations for the navigation of rivers. Approved, April 19, 1873. Promulgated, April 24, 1873.

Act No. 111. To incorporate the Louisiana Central Railway Company (Twenty-six Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators.

Sec. 3. Capital stock—To be determined from time to time by the Directors of the Company.

Sec. 4. Powers of Company.

First—"to locate, construct and build and thereafter to own etc * * * * * a railroad with one or more tracks, etc. * * * * * upon such a course or route as may be deemed by a majority of the Directors of said Company most proper, expedient or necessary, and most for the interest of the said Company and best adapted for the public accommodation from a point on the line of the railroad of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, at or near Vermillionville in the parish of Lafayette, toward and to any point within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, in the parish of Caddo, which may be acquired by said Company for uses and purposes of its business". Approved, January 5, 1874. Promulgated, January 15, 1874.

SESSION OF 1874.

The General Assembly of Louisiana at the Second Session of the Third Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 5, 1874.

Act No. 8. Ceding jurisdiction and conveying title to all State lands required for the proposed Fort St. Philip Ship Canal to the Government of the United States. Approved, February 9, 1874. Promulgated, February 11, 1874.

Act No. 42. To authorize the consolidation of the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company with the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, and to confer certain powers, privileges and immunities on the Company resulting from said consolidation. Approved, March 7, 1874. Promulgated, March 15, 1874.

Act No. 56. Providing for the acceptance by the Louisiana Levee Company of a reduction of the rate of certain taxes, to be collected as compensation to said Company, from four mills to three mills, and in consideration of said reduction relieving said Company from liability for damages in certain cases. Approved, March 12, 1874. Promulgated, March 15, 1874.

Act No. 59.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Salary, Register State Land Office, Act No. 38, Extra Session of 1870, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Salary, Chief Clerk, State Land Office, Act No. 38 of 1870, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

Contingent expenses, State Land Office, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). * * * *

MISCELLANEOUS.

Salary, Chief State Engineer, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Two Assistant State Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars each, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

One Assistant Engineer for Red River, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary, Draftsmen, Board of State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary, Porter, State Engineers, Act No. 7 of 1871, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Contingent expenses, Board of State Engineers, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Contingent expenses and salary chain and axmen, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). * * * *

Mileage, Members, Board of State Engineers, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars each (\$750.00), Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250.00). * * * *

Salary, Commissioners (3) appointed by the President of the United States and the Governor of Louisiana, under Acts Nos. 4 and 27 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars each, Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00).

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Reimbursement of swamp lands, out of Swamp Land Fund, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) * * * *

Services of P. O. Hebert, as Levee Commissioner (Commission of Engineers) for 1873, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Overdrawn warrants of Board of State Engineers for 1873, One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-five Dollars (\$1,645.00).

Appropriation to pay Philomene Herecules for losses sustained by building a levee upon her property in the Parish of Jefferson, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). * * *

Appropriation to pay M. C. Carroll for work done on levees in 1871, Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

Payment of warrants Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Board of Public Works, issued January 12, 1871 * * * *

Appropriation for purpose of completing and perfecting the work already done under Act No. 56 of 1873, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), provided the work be done under the direction of the Chief State Engineer.

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Approved, March 16, 1874. Promulgated, March 17, 1874.

Act No. 67. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled An Act chartering the Monroe, Bastrop and Arkansas Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of said Company, and authorizing the Company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the Company to secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad, approved, April 10, 1873, and changing the name of said railroad company. (Two Sections).

Sec. 1. Amendment to.

Sec. 2. "The name and title of this company shall be the St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Co., and the domicile thereof is fixed in the town of Monroe, parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana. Approved, March 21, 1874. Promulgated, March 28, 1874.

Act No. 86. To enable the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, the successor of the Corporation of that name existing under Acts of the Legislature of Alabama, with powers from other States to construct railroads to convey to the New Orleans and Texas Railroad Company a portion of their railroads, corporate property, rights, privileges and franchises, and to define the powers of said corporation. Approved, March 14, 1874. Promulgated, March 29, 1874.

Act No. 101. (Joint Resolution) Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to urge the passage by Congress of an Act in relation to the land scrip to be issued in conformity to the Act of Congress of June 22nd, 1860. (Preamble and resolution). Approved, March 21, 1874. Promulgated, April 3, 1874.

Act No. 134. To incorporate the Shreveport and Southwestern Railroad Company. (Twenty-one Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators.

Route: "Beginning inside the corporation line of the City of Shreveport, in Caddo Parish; thence by the most eligible route, to be determined by said Company, to a point on the Sabine River, at or in the vicinity of Logansport, parish of De Soto, with the privilege of extending their main line from

the City of Shreveport to a point on the State Line between the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, in the parish of Bossier, which may be deemed most eligible to make connection with any railroad traversing the State of Arkansas, running North or East," etc.

Sec. 3. Capital stock to be not less than \$500,000.00 nor to exceed \$1,000,000.

Approved, April 25, 1874. Promulgated, May 1, 1874.

SESSION OF 1875.

General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the First Session of the Fourth Legislature, Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 4, 1875.

Act No. 17. Making appropriations for the General Expenses of the State for the year ending December 31, 1875.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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Salary, Registrar State Land Office, Act 38 of Extra Session of 1870, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Salary, Chief Clerk, State Land Office, Act 38, Extra Session of 1870, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

Contingent expenses, State Land Office, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Salary, *Chief State Engineer*, Act 7 of 1871, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary two Assistant State Engineers, One Thousand Dollars each, Act 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary one Assistant Engineer for Red River, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Salary, Secretary Board of State Engineers, Act 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary, Commissioner of Persons appointed by the Governor, under Act 27 of 1870, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Draftsman Board of State Engineers, Act 7 of 1871, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary, Secretary Commissioner of Persons, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Salary, Porter Board of State Engineers, Act 7 of 1871, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Salary, Levee Commissioner appointed by President of United States, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Contingent expenses, Board of State Engineers, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Contingent expenses and salary of chainmen and axmen, Two Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$2,680.00).

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Appropriation for reimbursement Swamp Land erroneously sold, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

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Salary, Inspector, Penitentiary at Baton Rouge, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

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Approved, April 3, 1875. Promulgated, April 4, 1875.

Act No. 22. To prohibit the lessees of the State Penitentiary from employing or permitting the employment of Convicts outside the walls of the State Penitentiary, and declaring penalties therefor. (See Acts 35 of 1878 and 48 of 1886).

Approved, March 31, 1875. Promulgated, April 1, 1875.

Act No. 23. To change the boundary of the parish of St. Bernard.

Sec. 1. "That hereafter the boundary of the parish of St. Bernard shall be from the left bank of the Mississippi River along the lower line of the property known and used as the United States Barracks, and the prolongation of said line until it intersects the prolongation of the line of the south side of Florida Walk, one of the Avenues of the City of New Orleans, thence in an easterly direction to the point where the Canal des Pécheurs or Fishermen's Canal intersects the Bayou Bienvenu, thence along the south side of said bayou to the Lake Borgne, and thence along the boundaries of said parish as now established to the left bank of the Mississippi River, where the parish of Plaquemines begins."

Approved, April 5, 1875. Promulgated, April 6, 1875.

Act No. 24. Prescribing the manner of ascertaining the amount due the Louisiana Levee Company from the State on the first day of October, 1873, and to provide for funding said debt. Approved. Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, April 8, 1875.

Act No. 45. To incorporate the New Orleans, St. Bernard & Plaquemines Railroad Company. (Nineteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators.

Sec. 2. Powers of Company—"to survey, locate and fix, construct and equip * * * *

one or more tracks from the City of New Orleans, and to commence at or near the Barracks, and to extend to some suitable point on Lake Borgne, on the Gulf of Mexico bordering the parish of St. Bernard, with privilege of constructing a branch diverging and commencing at Dueros Station, or some point thereabouts, in the parish of St. Bernard, and running to some point beyond Fort St. Philip, in the parish of Plaquemines, with such other branches as the Company may deem proper and expedient to create and facilitate business, etc."

Sec. 4. Capital stock—fixed at \$500,000 with power to increase to \$3,000,000, etc.

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Approved. Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, May 30, 1875.

Act No. 47. To incorporate the Carrollton and Kennerville Railroad Company. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Incorporators.

Sec. 2. Capital stock—\$800,000, with liberty to increase in manner provided by law.

Sec. 5. Powers of corporation, * * * *
 "powers necessary for the construction, repairs and working of a single or double track railroad, or both, between the City of Carrollton and the town of Kennerville, parish of Jefferson, the said railroad to commence at the intersection of Lowerline and Third Streets in the City of Carrollton, continuing along Third Street to Canal Avenue, thence along the west side of said Avenue to Fifth Street, and along Fifth Street to Upperline, in Carrollton, then to continue through the parish of Jefferson, left bank, between the Mississippi River and the Jackson Railroad to Williams Street, in the town of Kennerville, in said parish, etc."

Approved. Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, June 20, 1875.

EXTRA SESSION 1875.

No legislation affecting levees, etc.

SESSION OF 1876.**The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Second Session of the Fourth Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 3, 1876.**

Act No. 2. (Joint Resolution). Asking for an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of constructing levees on the Mississippi River in Louisiana, and for the General Government to assume control of all of the levees in Louisiana.

Approved, February 3, 1876. Promulgated, February 4, 1876.

Act No. 9. (Joint Resolution). "That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the passage of the bill introduced in the House asking aid from the Government for the purpose of cleaning out obstructions in Bayou Lafourche, which obstructions were placed in said bayou by order of General Jackson in the year 1814.

Approved, February 10, 1876. Promulgated, February 11, 1876.

Act No. 14. To confirm the Notarial Charter of the New Orleans Pacific Railroad Company, with amendments thereto; to extend the term of existence of said Company, and to confer thereon certain powers and franchises.

Approved, February 19, 1876. Promulgated, February 22, 1876.

Act No. 16. To authorize the City of New Orleans to assume exclusive control of all drainage works in the drainage districts; to authorize the purchase of certain rights and property of the Mississippi & Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company, and its transferee, and to provide for the manner of making said purchase and for paying therefor in drainage warrants.

Approved, February 24, 1876. Promulgated, February 26, 1876.

Act No. 20. To authorize, with the consent of a popular vote, a special tax on property in New Orleans to pay for stock in the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company, to provide for the submission of the question at a special election; to provide for the securing and collection of the tax, if voted; to impose certain duties on the State Officers of election and on the City Officers, and to punish violation of this Act; to authorize the

issue of tax stock, and to provide a remedy by mandamus to enforce official duty under this Act. (Preamble and Six Sections).

Approved, March 3, 1876. Promulgated, March 4, 1876.

Act No. 21. To authorize and require the Police Juries in certain parishes and the municipal authorities of incorporated cities and towns, the City of New Orleans excepted, to submit ordinances to the popular vote of said parishes with reference to subscriptions to the stock of the New Orleans, Pacific Railway Company, and, in the event of a favorable vote, to require said Police Juries to subscribe to the stock of said Company, to issue bonds therefor, and to levy a tax to meet the principal and interest of said bonds, to provide penalties against a diversion of said tax, and remedies in favor of the holders of said bonds, and to declare the use to be made of moneys to be paid to said railroad; to provide a remedy by mandamus and for damages; to force a compliance with this Act; to provide a preference for certain appeals; to impose special duties on State Officers of election in said parishes, and on parochial officers, and to provide for the collection of the taxes provided for in this Act, and to repeal conflicting laws. (Preamble and eight Sections).

Approved, March 3, 1876. Promulgated, March 4, 1876.

Act No. 35. Making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending December 31, 1876.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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Salary, Register State Land Office, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Salary, Clerk, State Land Office, One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00).

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Salary, Chief State Engineer, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

Salary, Assistant Engineer for Red River, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Salary, Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Contingent expenses, Board of State Engineers, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Salary and contingent expenses, Chainmen and Axmen, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

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Appropriation for recording lists of lands forfeited to the State and other recordations, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

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Out of the Swamp Land Fund, for reimbursement of moneys paid into the State Treasury by purchasers of swamp lands, sold by the State and for which no title can be given, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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Approved, March 7, 1876. Promulgated, March 8, 1876.

Act No. 63. (Joint Resolution). "That the Levee Board of the State and the *State Engineers* be directed not to close Mack's Bayou and other outlets from Red River to Lake Bisteneau," etc. Approved, March 24, 1876. Promulgated, March 26, 1876.

Act No. 78. To create a special levee district within certain limits prescribed in this Act. (Twenty-one Sections).

Sec. 1. Levee District—limits thereof—"That that portion of the parish of Iberville bounded on the north by the upper line of Section twenty-seven, in township five, range eight, east; on the west by Bayous Fordoche and Grosse Tete; on the south by a line running due west from the lower front corner of the plantation of Gay and Daigre to the rear line of the front concession west of Bayou Maringuoin, and on the west in township eight range nine east, and township seven, range nine east, bounded by the rear line of the front concessions west of Bayou Maringuoin, and thence by a line running due west to the middle of township six, range eight east, and thence by a line running due north to the upper line of section twenty-seven, in township five, range eight east, be and the same is hereby constituted a Levee District."

Sec. 2. Board of Levee Commissioners—five members.

Sec. 3. Powers of Board. Domicile—Musson, in the parish of Iberville, Approved, April 1, 1876. Promulgated, April 5, 1876.

Act No. 97. To charter the North Louisiana Railroad Co., defining its objects, duties, powers and exemptions; authoriz-

ing the corporation to purchase connecting railroads, or to sell its own railroad, and authorizing the issuance of bonds. (Fourteen Sections).

Section 1. Incorporators of the North Louisiana Railroad Company. Title and name of Company (a body politic and corporate by the name of the "North Louisiana Railroad Company," to hold for perpetual succession, for the purpose of maintaining and operating a railroad and magnetic telegraph on the line thereof from Shreveport to Monroe, with a branch thereof, commencing at some suitable point on the main line, and running via Homer to the Arkansas Line, in the direction of Fulton, on Red River, in the State of Arkansas, etc.)

Approved, April 20, 1876. Promulgated, December 1, 1876.

SESSION OF 1877.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the First Session of the Fifth Legislature, Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 1, 1877.

Act No. 6. (Joint Resolution). Asking aid of the National Government to rebuild and repair the levees in this State (Preambles and resolution). Approved, February 3, 1877. Promulgated, February 8, 1877.

Act No. 29. To annex certain territory of Lincoln Parish to the Parish of Jackson, etc. (Five Sections).

Sec. 1. Annexation—"The north half of township seventeen, north of ranges one, two, west; provided, etc." Approved, March 5, 1877. Promulgated, March 7, 1877.

Act No. 37. To incorporate Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad and Steamship Company, to expedite the extension, construction and maintenance of a railroad between New Orleans, La., and the State of Texas, and between New Orleans, North Louisiana and Arkansas; to declare and define the powers and liabilities of said Company; to grant the right-of-way for the construction of the road; to authorize the expropriation of lands; to own and run steamships and other vessels; to construct and operate telegraph lines, and to vest in said Company the right to exercise all power incidental to and necessary for the building and maintenance of railroads to the State of Texas, and to North Louisiana and to Arkansas. (Thirty-one Sections).

Approved, March 8, 1877. Promulgated, March 10, 1877.

Act No. 48. To exclude certain lands from the drainage limits as heretofore established; to cancel liens and judgments for drainage of said lands, and to repeal certain laws relative to drainage of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson. (Preamble and Three Sections).

Approved, Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 14, 1877.

Act No. 59. (Concurrent Resolution). Instructing our Representatives in Congress to support the Texas & Pacific Railroad bill asking for the subsidies of the U. S. Government; provided, etc.

Approved, March 14, 1877. Promulgated, March 15, 1877.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1877.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Extra Session of the Fifth Legislature, Begun and Held in the City New Orleans, March 2, 1877.

Act No. 11. To charter the Alexandria & South Arkansas Railroad Company; defining its objects, duties, powers, rights and exemptions; authorizing the corporation to purchase connecting railroads, or to sell its own road, and authorizing the corporation to issue bonds of the corporation. (Fourteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Names of Incorporators. Powers of corporation: "Maintaining and operating a railroad and magnetic telegraph on the line thereof, from the town of Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, running northwardly to a point on the southern boundary line of Arkansas, within at least twenty-five miles west of the meridian line; and thence to connect with some railroad in Arkansas, running northwardly to Little Rock or St. Louis, and at a point to be hereafter determined by the Company," etc. Approved, March 23, 1877. Promulgated, March 25, 1877.

Act No. 19. (Joint Resolution). Commissioners appointed and authorized "to survey, examine and report to this General Assembly at its next annual meeting what the probable expense would be to cut and put out of the way all timber, and to remove all obstructions that now impede the navigation of the Tangipahoa River, from its junction with Lake Pontchartrain, up to a place known by the name of Amite Bridge, near Amite City," etc.

Approved, March 23, 1877. Promulgated, March 27, 1877.

Act No. 20. To incorporate the Mississippi, Terre-au-Boeuf and Lake Railroad Company, and to define its powers and authority. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Name of Incorporators.

Sec. 2. Capital stock—fixed at \$100,000.00.

Sec. 3. Power of the Corporation in relation to the road: "Authorized and empowered to survey, etc." * * * * * from, and to commence at, a point about fifteen miles below the City of New Orleans, in the parish of St. Bernard, and known as the Terre-au-Boeuf Landing, following the Terre-au-Boeuf Road, to a point where the late Mexican Gulf Railroad branches off from the said Terre-au-Boeuf Road, and thence to the Lake, the terminus of the present road, with such other branches as the Company may deem proper and expedient to create and facilitate business, etc.

Approved, March 23, 1877. Promulgated, March 27, 1877.

Act No. 21. (Joint Resolution). In relation to obstructions in Bayou Lafourche. "That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the passage of a bill asking Government aid for the purpose of clearing out obstructions in Bayou Lafourche; which obstructions were placed in said bayou by order of General Andrew Jackson in the year 1814, etc." Approved, March 23, 1877. Promulgated, March 27, 1877.

Act No. 22. Relative to taxing lands in the Parish of Lafourche for drainage purposes. (Ten Sections).

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the land owners residing in the Parish of Lafourche, on the right descending bank of Bayou Lafourche and between the towns of Thibodaux and Lockport, and whose lands lie adjacent to and are affected by the drain of any natural stream or bayou, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to tax themselves for the cleaning out or dredging any such stream or bayou."

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Approved, March 24, 1877. Promulgated, March 27, 1877.

Act No. 24. To abolish the parish of Carroll and to create and establish in lieu thereof the two parishes of East Carroll and West Carroll; providing for the organization of said two parishes, and fixing their representation in the House of Representatives. (Sixteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Lines of the parishes of East and West Carroll: "The parish of East Carroll shall be composed of all that portion of the territory heretofore constituting the parish of Car-

roll which lies east of a line designated and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point on Bayou Macon where said bayou intersects or crosses the boundary line between the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, and running south along said bayou to the township line between townships nineteen and twenty, thence along said township line to Bayou Tensas, thence south along said Bayou Tensas to a point where said bayou intersects the extreme southern boundary line of the parish of Carroll, which point is in township eighteen, range eleven east; that the parish of West Carroll shall be composed of all the territory heretofore forming the parish of Carroll which lies west of the line designated and described aforesaid."

Approved. Law without approval of Governor. Promulgated, March 28, 1877.

Act No. 25. To amend and re-enact section five of Act No. 24, an Act to abolish the parish of Carroll, etc.

Sec. 1. Election of parish officers for West Carroll. Approved, March 28, 1877. Promulgated, March 29, 1877.

Act No. 46. To amend an Act entitled an Act to create a special levee district within certain limits prescribed in this Act, approved April 1, 1876, and to change the name of the corporation created by that Act, to more fully define, extend and limit the powers and purposes of said corporation; to extend and more fully describe the boundaries of said levee district; to empower said corporation to levy contributions in aid of said levee, and, under certain contingencies, to require under penalty the performance of labor by certain persons on said levee; to enforce the collection of such contributions; to confirm the provisions of said Act, and for other purposes. (Twenty Sections).

Sec. 1. Limits of the special levee district created by Act No. 78 of 1876: "That the limits and boundaries of the levee district shall be as follows, to-wit: On the north by the upper line of section twenty-seven, in township five, range eight, east; on the west by a line running due north from the point where the northern line touches the eastern boundary of Section eighty-three, township five, range eight, east; and extending to the line dividing townships six and seven of range eight, east; thence due east to the line of the back Concessions of the lands on Bayou Maringouin; thence along said line to the lower line of township eight, range nine, east; thence due east to Bayou Maringouin, thence in a direct line to the point where Bayou Blue crosses the lower line of Section fifty-seven,

township nine, range eleven, east; thence to the head of Bayou Blue, and thence in a direct line to the lower line of the plantation of Gay and Daigre, on Bayou Grosse Tete; on the east by the Bayous Grosse Tete and Fordoche, all of said lands being in the parishes of Pointe Coupee and Iberville.

Sec. 2. Name of Corporation: The Fordoche and Grosse Tete Special Levee District Company.

Sec. 3. Commissioners to be elected by the qualified voters of the district, and to be styled the Board of Levee Commissioners. Number of Commissioners: Seven, etc. Approved, April 3, 1877. Promulgated, April 5, 1877.

Act No. 47. Making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1877. (Two Sections).

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Salary, Register State Land Office, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Appropriation for reimbursement of money for State Lands erroneously sold, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

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OUT OF LEVEE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR FUND.

Salary, State Engineer, Four Thousand Dollars, (\$4,000.00).

Salary, Two Assistant State Engineers, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) each, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Salary, Bookkeeper, Board of State Engineers, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

Salary, Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00).

Contingent expenses, Board of State Engineers, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00).

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Approved, April 4, 1877. Promulgated, April 5, 1877.

Act No. 67. To define the object of drainage assessments and to regulate the collection of same, and to prevent judgments for assessments being rendered as personal judgments, and to repeal so much of Act No. 57, approved March 1, 1861,

as makes such judgments personal, and to confine the execution under assessment judgments to the property on which the assessment is levied.

Law by limitation. Promulgated, April 15, 1877.

Act No. 97. To incorporate the Barataria Ship Canal Company; to authorize said Company to construct and operate a ship canal, and all harbors, locks, dams, dykes, levees, etc., necessary for the same, from some point on the Mississippi River at or near New Orleans to the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, through, at, or near Barataria Bay, or other harbor, roadstead, or outlet on the Coast of said Gulf, in the State of Louisiana; to fix the capital stock of said Company and provide for the management of its business, and affairs; to give the right-of-way for said canal; to provide for the use of such private property as may be needed for the same and its appurtenances; to authorize said Company to use towboats and other crafts, and to charge and receive tolls for the use of said canal, or any part thereof; to authorize said Company to reclaim and drain all the swamp and marsh lands which now belong or may hereafter belong to the State of Louisiana not acquired at tax sale, embraced between the Mississippi River, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Bayou Lafourche, and to erect and construct dykes, levees, etc., for the protection of the same, and to purchase the same from the State from time to time, as reclaimed, drained and fitted for cultivation, but not including any lands now in cultivation by actual settlers, and excepting any land now under fence and claimed by pre-exemption; to authorize said Company to unite with any other Company that has been or may be chartered, and to operate this charter in conjunction with any other already granted or that may be granted by the State of Louisiana or the Government of the United States; to authorize said Company to borrow money and issue bonds, and to mortgage and pledge its properties, franchises, bonds, and stock; to limit the liability of the stockholders of the said Company; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act. (Eleven Sections).

Sec. 1. Names of Incorporators. Object of the Company, as recited in title, the canal to extend from some point on the Mississippi River, opposite the City of New Orleans, and at any point between Verret's Canal and a point one hundred yards above Harvey's Canal, to the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, etc.

Sec. 2. Domicile: The City of New Orleans. * * *

Sec. 4. Capital stock of the Company: Ten Million Dollars, etc.

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Sec. 8. The canal shall be completed to a depth of not less than twenty-five feet throughout its length within twenty years from the passage of this Act.

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Approved, April 24, 1877. Promulgated, April 26, 1877.

Act. No. 109. To repeal an Act entitled "an Act to incorporate the Lafourche and Terrebonne Drainage and Land Improvement Company," being Act No. 103 of 1870.

Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 110. To repeal an Act entitled "an Act to incorporate the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, and to expedite the construction of their road," No. 143, approved December 30, 1869; and also an Act entitled "an Act authorizing certain parishes, cities and towns, by contributing to the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, or by subscribing for its stock, or by purchasing its bonds or by issuing the bonds and warrants of the said parishes, cities and towns to aid in the construction of the road of said Company, or its branch or branches," No. 80, approved March 16, 1870; and also an Act entitled "an Act authorizing the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, East Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, and the City of Baton Rouge, to aid the construction of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad," No. 145, approved December 30, 1869.

Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 117. To provide for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the mouth of Red River, and appropriating the sum of \$20,000.00 to pay for having the work done. Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 119. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing and instructing the *State Engineer* to make a thorough and complete topographic and hydrographic survey of Bayou Teche, commencing at Iberia and extending up said stream to the junction of Bayou Courtableau, to determine the number of locks necessary in order to improve said stream and render it navigable in low water between the said points, and the plan upon which locks should be constructed; provided, such survey shall be made without cost to the State. Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 121. To amend Section number fourteen of an Act entitled "an Act to create a special levee district within certain limits prescribed in this Act, and to change the name of the corporation created by that Act; to more fully define, extend, and limit the powers and purposes of said corporation; to extend and more fully describe the boundaries of said levee district; to empower said corporation to levy contributions in aid of said levee district and under certain contingencies to require, under penalty, the performance of labor by certain persons on said levees; to enforce the collection of such contributions; to confirm the provisions of said Act and for other purposes," approved April 3, 1877. (Located in a certain portion of Iberville Parish).

Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 128. To amend and re-enact Section Four of Act No. 97 of 1876, entitled "An Act to charter the North Louisiana Railroad Company," etc. (Right-of-way, etc., through State Lands, etc.) Approved, April 30, 1877. Promulgated, May 3, 1877.

Act No. 139. To repeal an Act entitled "an Act relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the State, constituting it a body politic and corporate with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with the said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing the compensation thereof," approved February 20, 1871; also to repeal Act No. 43 of the Acts of 1873, entitled "an act to amend and re-enact Section number two of an Act relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the State, constituting it a body politic and corporate, with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing for compensation thereof," approved February 20, 1871; and also to amend and re-enact Section one of an Act entitled "an Act ratifying and confirming a contract between the Louisiana Levee Company and the Governor of the State of Louisiana," approved February 28, 1871, providing for the acceptance by said Levee Company, and authorizing and requiring a yearly estimate of levees to be built; reducing the compensation thereof from sixty to fifty cents per cubic yard, and providing for converting timber work into earthwork; provided, that this repeal of said Acts shall not affect the taxes imposed thereby,

and leaving all Sections of said Acts relating to the assessment and collection of such taxes in full force and effect; authorizing the Louisiana Levee Company to sue the State under certain restrictions, and to provide for the settlement and liquidation of such judgments as shall be rendered against the State if the suit instituted by said Company should result adversely to the State; appropriating one-third of the Levee tax of 1877, or so much of this appropriation as may be necessary, to pay such judgment as said Louisiana Levee Company shall obtain for levee work done in the year 1877, by anticipating the revenues of 1877, collectible in 1878; and providing for suit to forfeit the charter of said Company in the event of non-acceptance of the terms hereof, and forbidding the payment of any tax collected in the future in the event of said non-acceptance. Approved, May 9, 1877. Promulgated, May 11, 1877.

Act No. 140. To repeal an Act entitled "an Act to create a *Board of State Engineers*", approved February 24, 1871; to vest the control and management of public levees in police juries; to authorize the appointment of engineers; fixing their duties and compensation; to authorize the Governor to contract for the construction and repair of certain levees, and to provide for the payment thereof. (Eight Sections).

Sec. 1. Repeal of Act No. 7 of 1871.

Sec. 2. Police Juries to have control and management of the levees in their respective parishes; their powers and duties in relation thereto. Proviso.

Sec. 3. Governor to appoint three State Engineers; their term of office; their salaries and their duties.

Sec. 4. Duty of the Governor upon receipt of report of the *State Engineers*, with estimates and specifications, to advertise for proposals to make the levees or to repair them, as may be recommended. The *State Engineers* to report to the Police Juries the repairs to be made to the levees, and duties of said engineers in relation thereto.

Sec. 5. Duty of the Governor, when informed that a crevasse in any important part of the State is imminent, to provide assistance to the local authorities to prevent a crevasse.

Sec. 6. Works done under contract, when completed, to be examined and measured by the *State Engineer* in charge; duties of engineers in relation thereto; mode of payment and application of the warrant in payment of the levee tax.

Sec. 7. *Board of State Engineers* to take charge and preserve the records and archives of the present *State Engineers*. Their

salaries to be paid monthly, and how their travelling expenses shall be paid. Approved, May 9, 1877. Promulgated, May 11, 1877.

Act No. 143. Entitled "an Act to amend the Act twenty-five, abolishing the Parish of Carroll, and creating the parishes of East Carroll and West Carroll", so as to fix Bayou Macon as the boundary line between the parishes of East Carroll and West Carroll. Approved, May 11, 1877. Promulgated, May 12, 1877.

SESSION OF 1878.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Second Session of the Fifth Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 7, 1878.

Act No. 1. (Joint Resolution) Instructing and requesting Senators and Representatives in Congress to solicit and support an Act of Congress granting aid to certain levees—"To secure the passage of a bill to construct and rebuild levees along the Mississippi River, particularly Possum Fork, Mathew's Bend, Ashton, Diamond Island, and Buck Ridge". Approved, January 23, 1878. Promulgated, January 24, 1878.

Act No. 9. Authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to use the unexpended balance of the two-thirds of the three mill levee tax, collectible in 1878, placed to the credit of said Board by Section nine, Act No. 139, Extra Session of 1877; also to provide for payment of necessary travelling expenses of said Board—(\$1,300.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary). Approved, February 1, 1878. Promulgated, February 2, 1878.

Act No. 12. To amend Section eleventh of Article three (3) of the Charter confirmed by Act No. 14, 1876, entitled "An Act to confirm the Notarial Charter of the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company, with amendments thereto; to extend the term of existence of said Company, and to confer thereon certain powers", and to empower said Company to mortgage all its future rights, properties and franchises to secure its bonds. Approved, February 5, 1878. Promulgated, February 6, 1878.

Act No. 31. To authorize the Governor to appoint a Commission to be composed of "three prominent citizens, who shall be land owners and resident within the alluvial district * * *

to confer with the authorities of the State of Arkansas in regard to the formation of a separate levee district, comprised between the Arkansas River, in the State of Arkansas, and the Red River, in the State of Louisiana, from the Mississippi River westward, to include the alluvial lands therein; to propose a plan for the protection of the lands therein from overflow, and for the submission thereof to the Legislatures of the respective States for ratification; and to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to defray the expenses of the same at their next annual session.

Approved, Feb. 19, 1878. Promulgated, Feb. 20, 1878.

Act No. 33. (Joint Resolution). Requesting our Representatives and instructing our Senators in Congress to oppose a bill looking to the closing of Bayou Lafourche and locking the same, etc.

Approved, February 19, 1878. Promulgated, February 20, 1878.

Act No. 39. To attach a portion of the territory of the parish of Catahoula to the parish of Franklin, and to provide for the collection of the taxes and transfer of suits. (Five Sections).

Sec. 1. "That all that portion of the territory of the parish of Catahoula, described in the following boundaries, to-wit: Commencing at Cut-off Bayou on Bayou Macon, thence down Bayou Macon to its junction with Tensas River; thence down said river to the mouth of Fool River; thence up said Fool River to the range line between township eight and nine east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships eleven and twelve north; thence west on said line to Deer Creek; thence up Deer Creek to the Cut-off Bayou; thence up said Bayou to the Bayou Macon, to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby attached to the parish of Franklin."

Became law without signature of Governor. Promulgated, February 26, 1878.

Act No. 52. Incorporating the Louisiana Land Reclamation Company; to authorize, encourage and assist in the reclamation and protection from tidal overflow certain lands in and belonging to the State of Louisiana; (and) to compensate (them), the said Company, by grants of swamp lands and to confer upon them other rights and privileges (thereof) of the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 3. "That the Louisiana Land Reclamation Company is hereby authorized to enter upon certain lands belonging to the State of Louisiana, and in the parishes of Saint Mary and Terrebonne, lying and being north of township line number nineteen (19), range east, to the Mississippi River bounded by the Bayou Atchafalaya on the West, the Bayons Boeuf and Black on the north, the Bayou de Large on the east, being the township number sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18), ranges east to the Mississippi River, twelve (12) thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), and seventeen (17), in the southeastern district of Louisiana, west of the Mississippi River; and, etc". Became law without signature of Governor. Promulgated, March 6, 1878.

Act No. 57. (Concurrent Resolution) Memorializing Congress to promptly grant the Barataria Ship Canal Company the necessary franchises and charter. Approved, March 6, 1878. Promulgated, March 7, 1878.

Act No. 58. (Joint Resolution) Asking for an appropriation by Congress for the purpose of making the "Tangipahoa River navigable for flat and keel boats; for rafting logs, timber, etc., from Wells Ferry to Amite City Bridge. Approved, March 6, 1878. Promulgated, March 7, 1878.

Act No. 65. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Shreveport & Southwestern Railroad Company", approved, April 24, 1874. Approved, March 7, 1878. Promulgated, March 8, 1878.

Act No. 68. To authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the Company to make its mortgage bonds, and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds. Approved, March 11, 1878. Promulgated, March 12, 1878.

Act No. 69. To amend and re-enact section six of Act No. 140, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act to create a *Board of State Engineers*, approved February 24, 1877; to vest the control and management of public levees in police juries; to authorize the appointment of engineers; fixing their duties and compensation; to authorize the Governor to contract for the

construction and repairs of certain levees, and to provide for the payment thereof. Approved, March 11, 1878. Promulgated, March 12, 1878.

Act No. 70. To repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section two (2) of an Act entitled 'An Act to form a new parish to be called the parish of Red River', approved July 1, 1872, and to amend and re-enact Section two (2) of an Act entitled 'An Act to form a new parish to be called the parish of Red River', approved, March 2, 1871. (Three Sections).

Sec. 2. "That Section two (2) of an Act entitled 'An Act to form a new parish, to be called the parish of Red River,' approved, March 2, 1871, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, viz: That the following shall be the boundaries of the Parish of Red River: Beginning on the West bank of Bayou Black Lake, at its intersection with township line between townships fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), range eight (8) west, running south with the west bank of said bayou to Black Lake; thence along the western margin of said lake to the township line between townships twelve (12) and eleven (11) north, range seven (7) west; thence west with said township line to range line between ranges eight (8) and nine (9); thence down said line to west bank of Red River; thence up Red River to the outlet of Bayou Lumbrá; thence along said bayou in a western direction to its intersection with Bayou Pierre; thence along said bayou in a northwestern direction to Bayou Pierre Lake; thence along the western bank of Bayou Pierre Lake to Bayou Pierre; thence along the said bayou to Lake Cannisnia; thence with the eastern bank of said lake to Bayou Pierre; thence along on said bayou, on the eastern bank, to the intersection with township line between townships fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) north, range twelve (12) west; thence east with township line to the place of beginning." Approved, March 11, 1878. Promulgated, March 12, 1878.

Act No. 82. Authorizing Abraham Bass to sue the State. (Preamble and one Section).

Preamble. Whereas, Abraham Bass, a citizen of the parish of East Carroll, complains that he has been greatly damaged by the action of the *Board of Engineers* in locating the Bass Levee, lately constructed in said parish, in the rear of the plantation owned by said Bass, and known as the "Point Lookout" plantation, and the said Abraham Bass claims that

the action of the said *Board of Engineers* was illegal, and that the State is responsible to him for the damage caused by the alleged illegal action of the said Board.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc.

Approved, March 12, 1878. Promulgated, March 13, 1878.

Act No. 83. Ordering the *State Engineers* to survey Bayou Teche, and report to the next General Assembly the cost of locking the same, and rendering it navigable into Bayou Courtableau. Approved, March 13, 1878. Promulgated, March 14, 1878.

Act No. 86. To incorporate the Plaquemines Parish Canal Company; to authorize said Company to purchase, enlarge, and deepen, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon between themselves and the owner or owners thereof, the Canal known as the "Tagliaferro Canal", in the parish of Plaquemines; to empower said Company to construct and operate a canal, and all harbors, locks, dams, dikes, levees, etc., necessary for the same, from a point on the Mississippi River, at or near the present junction of the "Tagliaferro Canal" with said river, through, at, or near said canal, by the nearest and most direct route into Bayou Baptiste, on the Gulf of Mexico, etc. Approved, March 13, 1878. Promulgated, March 14, 1878.

Act No. 89. Ratifying the organization of the New Orleans, Jackson and Northern Railroad Company, and its consolidation with the Central Mississippi Railroad Company, with the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company, and incorporating the said last named Company. Approved, March 13, 1878. Promulgated, March 14, 1878.

Act No. 90. (Concurrent Resolution) Relative to the improvement of the navigation of Red River by the National Government. Approved, March 13, 1878. Promulgated, March 14, 1878.

Act 106. To appropriate, in kind, and to donate to the police juries of the parishes of Lafourche and Terrebonne, all the swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the State lying between Bayous Lafourche and Terrebonne; to provide for the sale of said lands; to provide for the appointment of a local board of swamp land commissioners; fixing their term of office; providing for their removal and filling vacancies; to provide for the appointment of a secretary and treasurer; to define the powers and duties of the board; to authorize the police juries of said parishes to levy an annual tax not to ex-

ceed one per cent. on all lands between said bayous; to provide for the collection and payment thereof, etc. Approved, March 18, 1878. Promulgated, March 19, 1878.

Act No. 108. To incorporate and facilitate the construction of the New Orleans Texas & Colorado Railway. (Ten Sections).

Sec. 3. "That said Company shall have the right, and the authority is hereby given to them, to construct, equip, maintain, operate and own a line of railway and telegraph line, beginning at such point on the Mississippi River, opposite the City of New Orleans, as may be selected by said Company, and running then through the parish of St. Landry at such point on the Sabine River as such Company may select, with the view of forming a connection at said river with the New Orleans, Texas & Colorado Railroad of Texas; provided, etc." Approved, March 19, 1878. Promulgated, March 20, 1878.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1878.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, March 8, 1878.

Act No. 2. To amend and limit an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate and facilitate the construction of the New Orleans, Texas and Colorado Railway". Approved, March 19, 1878. Promulgated, March 20, 1878.

Act No. 3. Making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure.

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Salary, Register State Land Office, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

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SPECIAL FUND.

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Appropriation for keeping the mouth of Red River open, payable out of the Levee and Drainage Fund only, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, conditioned upon the failure of the U. S. Government to make any provision therefor.

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OUT OF LEVEE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR FUND.

Thirty-six hundred dollars to pay salary of State Engineer, (\$3,600).

Six Thousand Dollars to pay the salary of two Assistant State Engineers, at a salary of Three Thousand Dollars each (\$6,000)

Fifteen Hundred Dollars to pay the Clerk of Engineer's Department (\$1,500).

Thirteen Hundred and Eighty Dollars to pay the salary of the draughtsman (\$1,380).

Twelve Hundred Dollars to pay the salary of the Assistant Draughtsman (\$1,200).

Three Hundred Dollars for the salary of the porter (\$300).

Three Hundred Dollars for stationery and instruments (\$300).

Thirty-six Hundred for contingent expenses, traveling expenses, axmen, chainmen, etc, (\$3,600).

Five Hundred Dollars for a "Coast Survey" (\$500).

Eight Thousand Dollars for compensation to parish assessors (\$8,000).

Three Thousand Dollars for compensation to assessors, City and Parish of Orleans (\$3,000).

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Approved, March 22, 1878. Promulgated, March 23, 1878.

Act No. 5. To repeal Act number one hundred and forty of the Extra Session of 1877; to create a *Board of State Engineers*; to define their powers and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and public improvement purposes; to divide the State into levee districts; to provide for the appointment of boards of levee commissioners thereof, and to prescribe their duties and powers; to authorize the imposition of a district levee tax, not to exceed one mill on property and five mills on products; to vest the control of levees and completed public works throughout the State in police juries; to impose certain duties on the Governor of the State, and to provide for closing Bonnet Carre Crevasse. Approved, March 26, 1878. Promulgated, March 27, 1878. (Repealed by Act No. 33 of 1879).

Act No. 7. To incorporate the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company (Delta to Shreveport). Approved, March 26, 1878. Promulgated, March 27, 1878.

Act No. 19. To incorporate the Lake Charles, Louisiana and Orange Texas Railroad Company. (From Lake Charles, La.,

to the terminus of the Texas & New Orleans Railroad, at Orange, Texas, on the Sabine River, etc). Approved, March 29, 1878. Promulgated, March 31, 1878.

Act No. 21. To incorporate the Louisiana Western Railroad Company. (Between any point in or near Vermillionville, in the parish of Lafayettte, and any point in the Parish of Calcasieu, upon the line between the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas, and connections with other railroads within the State). Approved, March 30, 1878. Promulgated, April 1, 1878.

SESSION OF 1879.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the First Session of the Sixth Legislature Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 6, 1879.

Act No. 1. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge the passage of a bill securing Government aid for the purpose of clearing out the obstructions in Bayou Teche, from the town of New Iberia, to its junction with the Bayou Courtableau in the parish of St. Landry, and placing the necessary locks therein so as to secure permanent navigation throughout said bayou, etc. Approved, January 20, 1879. Promulgated, January 21, 1879.

Act No. 4. (Joint Resolution) Asking for an appropriation by Congress for the purpose of removing obstructions at the mouth of the Vermillion River, and improving the navigation of said river, from its mouth to the railroad crossing in the parish of Lafayette, La. Approved, January 23, 1879. Promulgated, January 24, 1879.

Act No. 5. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage, by Congress, of a bill appropriating sufficient money to dredge and remove obstructions to navigation in the Bayous Lafourche and Terrebonne, in the State of Louisiana. Approved, January 23, 1879. Promulgated, January 24, 1879.

Act No. 12. To amend and re-enact Sections 6, 20 and 28 of Act No. 37, entitled, "An Act to incorporate Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company; to expedite

the extension, construction and maintenance of a railroad between New Orleans, La., and the State of Texas, and between New Orleans, North Louisiana and Arkansas, etc." Approved, January 30, 1879. Promulgated, January 31, 1879.

Act No. 14. Making appropriations for the general expenses of State Government for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure, etc.

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Salary, Register State Land Office, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500.00).

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

Appropriation for reimbursement of Swamp and State Lands sold, to be paid out of Swamp Land Fund, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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Salary of State Engineer, thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00).

Salary of two Assistant State Engineers, at Three Thousand Dollars each, (\$6,000).

Salary of the Clerk of the Engineer's Department, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500).

Salary of the Draughtsman, Thirteen Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$1,380).

Salary of Assistant Draughtsman, Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200).

Salary of the Porter, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Contingent expenses, travelling expenses, axmen, chainmen, etc., Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Stationery, drawing paper, utensils and instruments, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Coast survey maps, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), out of unexpended balance.

Compensation to assessors, City and Parish of Orleans, Eleven Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and Thirty-six cents (\$1,136.36.)

Compensation of Parish Assessors, Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500).

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Approved, February 3, 1879. Promulgated February 4, 1879.

Act No. 33. To repeal Act No. 5 of the Extra Session of 1878; to create a *Board of State Engineers*; to define their powers and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and public improvement purposes; to divide the State into levee districts; to provide for the appointment of boards of levee commissioners therefor, and to prescribe their duties and powers; to authorize the imposition of a district levee tax, not to exceed five mills, on real estate and taxable property; to vest the control of levees and completed public works throughout the State in police juries and to impose certain duties on the Governor of the State, (Thirteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Repeal of Act No. 5. Extra Session of 1878.

“Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor of the State of Louisiana shall be authorized to appoint three Engineers, one of whom shall be known as *Chief Engineer*, and two *Assistant Engineers*, whose term of office shall be four years from the day of their appointment. The *Chief Engineer* shall receive a salary of Three Hundred Dollars per month, and the *Assistant Engineers*, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per month, each. It shall be the duty of said engineers to make a careful survey of all water courses and public works and levees of the State; said survey to be completed as soon after the subsidence of high water as practicable, in order that the contracts for work may be let out and commenced at the earliest moment possible. They shall report to the Governor of the State the improvements necessary and the levees to be constructed which are of prime importance to the State at large, and are beyond the means of parochial authorities. They shall also, in said report, furnish estimates and specifications of work necessary to be done”.

Sec. 6. Special tax of one mill on all taxable property of the State to be levied and collected for levee purposes, to be known as “the General Engineer Fund”.

Sec. 7. That the State shall be divided, for levee purposes, into six levee districts, composed of the alluvial lands within the following limits, to-wit: *District No. 1*, to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes lying east of the Mississippi and South of the lower or southern line of the parish of St. James, and thence down to the sea, exclusive of the parish of Orleans, viz: part of St. John, part of St. Charles, part of Jefferson, St. Bernard and part of Plaquemines; *District No. 2*, to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes lying East of the Mississippi and South and West of the hills, from the City of Baton Rouge down to the Southern or lower line of St. James, viz:

part of East Baton Rouge, part of Iberville, part of Ascension and part of St. James; *District No. 3*, to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes between the Mississippi, Bayou Lafourche and the Gulf, viz; part of Ascension, part of St. James, part of St. John, part of St. Charles, part of Jefferson, part of Orleans, part of Plaquemines, part of Assumption, and part of Lafourche. *District No. 4*, to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes South of Red River and between the Mississippi and Lafourche on the East and the township line dividing ranges four and five East, down to Bayou Petite Prairie, down Bayou Petite Prairie to the Atchafalaya River, down the Atchafalaya River, to the North boundary of St. Martin, along this line to the Teche, thence down the Teche, and thence down the Atchafalaya, viz: part of Avoyelles, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, part of Iberville, part of Ascension, part of St. Landry, part of St. Martin, part of Iberia, part of St. Mary, part of Assumption, part of Lafourche and Terrebonne; *District No. 5*, to consist of all parishes between the Mississippi on the East, and the Bayous Macon and Tensas, and Black and Red Rivers on the West, viz: East Carroll, Madison, Tensas and Concordia; *provided*, that for the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, Red River, De Soto, Grant, Rapides, Ouachita, West Carroll, Morehouse, Caldwell, Catahoula, Richland and Franklin, no board of levee commissioners shall be appointed, but each of said parishes shall form a separate sub-district, and in each of these sub-districts the police jury shall discharge separately, for their own parish, the duties assigned to the Board of Levee Commissioners in other districts; and they are hereby empowered to act separately or jointly, as they may decide.

Sec. 8. Governor to appoint Board of Levee Commissioners for each district, to be composed of one member from each parish comprised wholly and in part within the district; term of office, etc. Presidents of police juries to appoint members to represent absent commissioners; duty of *Engineers*, etc.

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Sec. 11. The General Engineer Fund and District Levee Fund to be expended by the Governor; *provided* that in case any district shall refuse to comply with the estimates of the *Board of State Engineers*, then the said district shall not be entitled to any portion of the General Engineer Fund.

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Approved, February 10, 1879. Promulgated, February 11, 1879.

Act No. 39. Donating certain lands to the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forfeiture of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas Railroad Company. Approved, February 14, 1879. Promulgated February 15, 1879.

SESSION OF 1880.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans, January 12, 1880.

Act No. 3. (Joint Resolution) Requesting out Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure the passage by the Congress of the United States of a bill appropriating a sufficient sum of money for the opening and draining of the channel of the mouth of Red River. Approved, February 14, 1880. Promulgated, February 15, 1880.

Act No. 19. (Concurrent Resolution) Asking for an appropriation by Congress for the purpose of dredging and removing obstructions to navigation from the Mouth of the Calcasieu River, where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, in the Parish of Cameron, to Phillip's Bluff, on the Calcasieu River, in Calcasieu Parish, State of Louisiana, and the Mouth of Mermentau River. Approved, March 3, 1880. Promulgated, March 4, 1880.

Act No. 23. Authorizing the Governor of the State of Louisiana to employ Counsel to assert the rights of the State to lands donated to the State by the Federal Government, or to recover the value of said lands in money or scrip. Approved, March 8, 1880. Promulgated, March 9, 1880.

Act No. 34. (Concurrent Resolution) Instructing the Attorney General to investigate the charter and affairs of the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company, and in case of a violation of its charter to prosecute the same. Approved, March 15, 1880. Promulgated, March 17, 1880.

Act No. 51. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage, by Congress, of a bill to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the purpose of cleaning out and deepening the

channels of Bayou Terrebonne, Grand Caillou, Little Caillou and Bayou Black. Approved, March 29, 1880. Promulgated, March 30, 1880.

Act No. 53. (Concurrent Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to obtain the passage, by Congress, of an appropriation of \$8,000.00 to clean out the mouth of Bayou Carlin. Approved, March 30, 1880. Promulgated, March 31, 1880.

Act No. 57. (Concurrent Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage, by Congress, of a bill appropriating One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of cleaning out and opening Bayous D'Arbonne, Bartholomew, Boeuf, Macon, Roundaway and Vidal, in North Louisiana. Approved, April 1, 1880. Promulgated, April 2, 1880.

Act No. 62. (Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to make early and earnest efforts to effect a speedy adjustment of all claims this State has against the Government of the United States, growing out of the several Acts of Congress granting and donating lands to the State of Louisiana, etc. Approved, April 5, 1880. Promulgated, April 6, 1880.

Act No. 71. Making an appropriation to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt; to support the public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, for the year ending December 31, 1880, and for the year ending December 31, 1881.

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out of Levee Fund, known as the "General Engineer Fund"—Salaries of *Board of State Engineers*.

Chief Engineer, for the year 1880, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600.00); for the year 1881 Thirty-six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600.00); Two Assistant State Engineers, for the year 1880, Six Thousand Dollars, (\$6,000.00); for the year 1881, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00); Clerk or Secretary of the Board of State Engineers, for 1880, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800.00); for the year 1881, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800.00); Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, for the year 1880, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800.00); for the year 1881, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800.00); Assistant Draughtsman and Rodman, Board of State Engineers, for the year 1880, One Thousand

Three Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300.00); for the year 1881, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300.00); Porter, Board of State Engineers, for the year 1880, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300.00); for the year 1881, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300.00).

Engineers' materials and repairs of instruments, etc., for the year 1880, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00); for the year 1881, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00); Mileage, expenses of chainmen and axmen, for the year 1880, Four Thousand Dollars, (\$4,000.00); for the year 1881, Four Thousand Dollars, (\$4,000.00). Protection of levees, year 1880, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000.00); for the year 1881, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000.00); *provided*, that the appropriations as above enumerated for the Board of State Engineers and for the protection of levees shall cease immediately after the General Government assumes control of the levees in this State; and it shall be the duty of the Governor to supervise the appropriation for levees of this State, and prohibit any further appropriations after the General Government assumes control of the levees of this State. * * * * *

OUT OF SWAMP LAND FUNDS.

Salary, Register State Land Office, for the year 1880, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00); for the year 1881, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

For fuel, gas, stationery, postage, etc., for the year 1880, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); for the year 1881, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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Approved, April 6, 1880. Promulgated, April 7, 1880.

Act No. 75. Entitled an Act to re-adjust the State Land Office; appointment of a Register; to fix his salary and the time and manner of paying said salary; to define the powers and prescribe the duties of the Register; to fix the fees for certificates and patents, and disposition thereof; the price of lands and disposition of the proceeds; duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Governor; to provide for the payment of salary and expenses incurred in the State Land Office; to repeal all conflicting laws. Approved, April 7, 1880. Promulgated, April 8, 1880.

Act No. 88. To provide for the protection and preservation of completed public levees in conjunction with the police juries of the several parishes of the State; to prescribe the manner

in which levees may be cut for rice flumes, roads and machinery, and to provide means for the payment of the expenses attending this work, and to provide the penalties and punishments for the violation of the provisions of this Act, and for violations of parochial ordinances made in conformity with this act. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 11, 1880.

Act No. 97. To provide for the postponement, until the succeeding year or until another crop matures, of the payment of taxes in the case of overflow, general conflagration, general destruction of the crops, or other public calamity, as provided for in Article 212 of the Constitution. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 12, 1880.

Act No. 102. To transfer a certain balance in State Treasury now credited to the levee and drainage fund (\$17,116.62) to the General Engineer Fund. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 12, 1880.

Act No. 113. Granting the right of way over any land belonging to the State of Louisiana to any Company duly incorporated in this State, for the purpose of cutting canals therein. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 12, 1880.

Act No. 125. To amend and re-enact Sections 683, 684, 689, 692 and 698 of the Revised Statutes, with reference to Corporations for *works of public improvement*. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 14, 1880.

Act No. 127. To provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other Officers and employees for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road; prescribing his duties; fixing his salary and limiting the expenses of said New Basin Canal and Shell Road. (Preamble and Twenty-seven Sections).

Sec. 24. Lines and levels necessary to be amended in the execution of the work to be ordered by the Governor to be made by the *Chief State Engineer* * * * * *

Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 14, 1880.

Act No. 128. Relative to the rent due by the lessee (Duncan F. Kenner) or the securities of the Canal (New Basin Canal and Shell Road). Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 14, 1880.

Act No. 137. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Representatives and instructing our Senators in Congress to obtain from the General Government, suitable appropriations for cleaning out the obstructions in West Pearl River, through

Holmes' Bayou to Pool's Bluff, on East Pearl River, to procure uninterrupted navigation at all seasons of the year. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 15, 1880.

Act No. 138. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure, from the General Government, a sufficient appropriation to improve the navigation of Red River, in the commercial interests of the States of Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana, and the Indian Nation. (Preamble and Resolution.)

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Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for the removal of the mud deposits at the outlet of Red River into the Mississippi. One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the improvement of the falls above Alexandria, by the construction of wing dams, or the entire removal of said falls.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the improvement of said river from above the falls to the City of Shreveport, La.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the improvement of said river from Shreveport, La., to the head of navigation on the same. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 15, 1880.

Act No. 139. (Joint Resolution) Requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to urge the passage of an Act requiring the Federal Government, through the proper department, to take measures for the removal of all obstructions, in the Amite River, from Thompson's Bridge to its mouth, in the Parish of St. Helena, to the navigation of flat and keel boats, rafting logs, etc., and to appropriate a sum sufficient for the purpose. Approved, April 10, 1880. Promulgated, April 15, 1880.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1881.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans on the Fifth Day of December, 1881.

Act No. 5. Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the Government, interest on the public debt, public schools and public charities for six months, from January 1st, to July 1st, 1882.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

Chief State Engineer, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800.00).

Two Assistant State Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars, (\$3,000.00).

Clerk or Secretary, Board of State Engineers, Nine Hundred Dollars, (\$900.00).

Draughtsman, Nine Hundred Dollars, (\$900.00).

Assistant Draughtsman and Rodman, Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$650.00).

Porter, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$150.00).

Engineers' materials and repairs of instruments, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$250.00).

Mileage, expenses of chainmen and axmen, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$2,500.00).

Protection of levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000.00).

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OUT OF THE SWAMP LAND FUND.

Salary, Register, State Land Office, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Fuel, gas, stationery, postage, etc., Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

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GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

Compensation to Parish Assessors, Three Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$3,333.34).

Compensation to Board of Assessors, Parish of Orleans, Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-seven cents (\$2,332.77).

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Approved, December 19, 1881. Promulgated, December 21, 1881.

SECOND EXTRA SESSION OF 1881.

Begun and Held in the City of New Orleans on the Twenty-sixth day of December, 1881.

(No legislation affecting levee affairs).

SESSION OF 1882.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Eighth Day of May, A. D., 1882.

Act No. 2. (Joint Resolution). Asking aid from Congress for building levees and returning thanks to President Arthur for his recent message to Congress in relation thereto, and to Secretary of War, Lincoln, for his kind and generous spirit shown to the people of Louisiana during the late overflow.

Approved, May 23, 1882. Promulgated, May 24, 1882.

Act No. 8. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to procure an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars during the present session of Congress, for the purpose of removing the rafts in Bayou Pierre, entering the latter through Tone's Bayou, Caddo Parish, La.

Approved, June 9, 1882. Promulgated, June 10, 1882.

Act No. 10. Declaring that the construction and maintenance of public levees, throughout the State, shall constitute a part of the works of public improvements of the State.

Approved, June 12, 1882. Promulgated, June 13, 1882.

Act No. 32. To improve the navigation of the bayous and rivers in the State. (Two Sections).

Section 1. That Companies duly incorporated under the general laws of the State be and are hereby authorized to clear out obstructions and by use of locks and dams and slack-water navigation, to improve the navigation on the rivers and bayous in this State, and collect tolls at rates which may be limited by the Police Juries in the parishes wherein the improvements are or may be made.

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Approved, June 26, 1882. Promulgated, June 28, 1882.

Act No. 36. To amend Sections 3 and 8 of Act No. 108, Regular Session of 1878, approved March 19, 1878, entitled "An Act to incorporate and facilitate the construction of the New Orleans, Texas and Colorado Railroad." Approved, June 26, 1882. Promulgated, June 28, 1882.

Act No. 41. Entitled an Act to enable the Police Juries of Parishes and Municipal Corporations, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to levy an annual rate of taxation to carry on public im-

provements in accordance with Article 209 of the Constitution. (See also Act No. 126 of 1882). Approved, June 26, 1882. Promulgated, June 28, 1882.

Act No. 56. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing the Auditor to warrant upon the Levee and Drainage Fund in payment of expenses incurred for the relief of overflowed sufferers. (Amount authorized \$20,000).

Approved, June 30, 1882. Promulgated, July 1, 1882.

Act No. 59. Providing for the re-assessment of overflowed lands or other overflowed property.

Approved, June 30, 1882. Promulgated, July 3, 1882.

Act No. 60. Making appropriations to pay the deficiencies due by the State for the year 1880, 1881 and 1882.

To pay deficiencies due Assessors in the Parish of Orleans for the year 1880.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

One Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents (\$131.88).

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).

Approved, June 30, 1882. Promulgated, July 3, 1882.

Act No. 63. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, to pay the interest on the public debt, to support the public schools and the public charities in the State of Louisiana for the year commencing July 1, 1882, and ending June 30, 1883, and for the year commencing July 1, 1883, and ending June 30, 1884.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For the protection of levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levees may produce; provided, the appropriations hereinafter enumerated for the Board of Engineers and for the protection of levees shall cease whenever the Federal Government shall assume permanent control of and provide the ways and means for the maintenance of levees in the State; and it shall be the duty of the Governor to supervise the appropriations for the levees of this State, and prohibit any further appropriations after the General Government assumes control of the levees in this State:

For the year ending June 30, 1883, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000).

For the year ending June 30, 1884, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000).

Chief State Engineer, to June 30, 1883, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600); to June 30, 1884 Thirty-six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600). Two Assistant State Engineers, to June 30, 1883, Three Thousand Dollars each, (\$6,000); to June 30, 1884, Three Thousand Dollars each, (\$6,000).

Secretary, Board of State Engineers, to June 30, 1883, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); to June 30, 1884, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, to June 30, 1883, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); to June 30, 1884, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Assistant Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, to June 30, 1883, Thirteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300); to June 30, 1884, Thirteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300).

Engineers' materials and repairing instruments, to June 30, 1883, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500); to June 30, 1884, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen, to June 30, 1883, Four Thousand Dollars, (\$4,000); to June 30, 1884, Four Thousand Dollars, (\$4,000).

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FROM LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary of Register of State Land Office, to June 30, 1883, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500); to June 30, 1884, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500).

Messenger and Porter, to June 30, 1883, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300); to June 30, 1884, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300).

Maps in swamp land sections of new surveys to June 30, 1883, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200); to June 30, 1884, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200).

Furniture, shelving, drawers, curtains, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$250).

Stationery, postage, etc., to June 30, 1883, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200); to June 30, 1884, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200).

Abstracts of entries in the U. S. Land Offices, for use of Auditor in preparing list of entries for Parish Assessors, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500).

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Approved, June 30, 1882. Promulgated, July 3, 1882.

Act No. 73. Relative to the distribution of the funds derived from the taxes levied annually on all property subject to taxation, for the maintenance and repairs of levees—known as the General Engineer Fund.

Approved, July 1, 1882. Promulgated, July 7, 1882.

Act No. 84. Granting the right, not exceeding two hundred feet, over any land belonging to the State of Louisiana to any person, company or corporation desiring to build or extend a railroad in this State.

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated July 7, 1882.

Act No. 88. (Joint Resolution). Ceding jurisdiction to the United States over Charenton Canal in the Parish of St. Mary, La., proposed to be located on a certain tract of land, extending from Bayou Teeche to Grand Lake, and having a width of five hundred feet, situated on the upper tract of land opposite Charenton, known as the Mossy Tract. (Donated by Pascal & Co., to the United States).

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 7, 1882.

Act No. 91. To amend and re-enact Section 2, Act No. 127, of the Session of 1880, entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other officers and employees for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road; prescribing his duties, fixing his salary and limiting the expenses of said New Basin Canal and Shell Road.

Approved, June 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 8, 1882.

Act No. 97. To authorize the Fordoche and Grosse Tete Special Levee District Company to issue Seventy-five Thousand Dollars of bonds, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof.

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 11, 1882.

Act No. 99. Authorizing the Governor of the State of Louisiana to appoint *one assistant engineer* in addition to the *two assistant engineers* provided for and now existing under Act 33 of 1879, whose duties and powers shall be the same as now provided by Act No. 33 of 1879, and whose salary shall be as now fixed by law for assistant engineers under the same Act (Three Thousand Dollars per annum), and shall be paid in the same manner as is provided by Act No. 33 of 1879 out of the General Engineer Fund.

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 11, 1882.

Act No. 102. To amend Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, with reference to corporations for works of public im-

provements, granting powers to corporations to borrow money and issue bonds and other obligations to secure such loans and to mortgage or pledge its franchises and all its properties.

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 11, 1882.

Act No. 104. To amend and re-enact the title and Sections Nos. 3, 10, 11, 12 and 14 of Act No. 88 of the year 1880, and entitled An Act, etc. (Repealed in toto by Act No. 84 of 1884).

Approved, July 5, 1882. Promulgated, July 11, 1882.

Act No. 118. To cede jurisdiction to the United States over certain land, and for the purchase and condemnation thereof; granting the right to the United States to purchase any land in this State required for Government purposes, with right of exclusive concurrent jurisdiction over such lands and structures as are exempted from taxation.

Approved, July 6, 1882. Promulgated, July 12, 1882.

Act No. 126. To make effective the two hundredth and ninth Article of the Constitution, to prescribe the manner in which special elections may be held in the parishes and incorporated cities, towns and municipalities in this State, for the purpose of levying special taxes for the purpose of constructing public buildings, bridges and works of public improvements in the parishes, cities and towns. (See also Act No. 41 of 1882).

Approved, July 6, 1882. Promulgated, July 12, 1882.

SESSION OF 1884.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held at the City of Baton Rouge, May 12, 1884.

Act No. 1. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to obtain an immediate appropriation of \$125,000 to remove the raft placed in Bayou Pierre by officers of the U. S. Army, in 1872.

Approved, June 2, 1884. Promulgated, June 3, 1884.

Act No. 4. To appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars out of unexpended balances to the credit of the General Fund, for the relief of the sufferers by overflow in the several overflowed parishes in the State.

Approved, June 10, 1884. Promulgated, June 11, 1884.

Act No. 7. Entitled an Act providing for the straightening of streams in this State, for the purpose of improving navigation and preventing overflow.

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That whenever the Levee Commissioners of any district or sub-district, or the Police Jury of any Parish in which there is no Levee Commissioner shall request the Board of State Engineers to make an examination or survey of any stream in their Levee District, or Sub-District, or Parish, they are hereby directed to have such examination or survey made, and, if after making such examination or survey, they think the navigation of such stream will be improved, or the lands of such Levee District, Sub-District or Parish will be protected from overflow, by cutting across the bend and straightening such stream, they are hereby directed to have the work done under the laws and regulations governing the construction of public levees, provided, etc."

Approved, June 17, 1884. Promulgated, June 18, 1884.

Act No. 12. Directing that the amount of \$191,000, now in the State Treasury to the credit of the Levee and Drainage Fund, be transferred to the credit of the General Engineer Fund, for levee purposes, the same to be made use of according to existing laws, solely for the purpose of expenses incurred during the years 1883 and 1884. Also, making it the duty of the State Treasurer to transfer all moneys arising from the future sales of swamp lands to the General Engineer Fund, for levee purposes, except so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of the salary of the Register of the State Land Office, and such appropriations as may be provided therefor; provided, that twenty per cent of all amount arising out of future sales of swamp lands shall be set apart for the sub-levee districts of Cad-do, Red River, De Soto, Natchitoches, Bossier, Grant, Rapides, Ouachita, West Carroll, Morehouse, Caldwell, Catahoula, Richland and Franklin.

Approved, June 24, 1884. Promulgated, June 26, 1884.

Act No. 19. Prohibiting the collection of district levee taxes in the Fifth Municipal District, City of New Orleans, except such taxes as became due prior to the first day of January, 1884.

Approved, June 25, 1884. Promulgated, June 27, 1884.

Act No. 26. To create the Parishes of Catahoula, Caldwell, Ouachita, Morehouse, West Carroll, Richland and Franklin into a separate Levee District, to be known as the "Tensas Basin Levee District," to provide for mode of appointing Commission-

ers therefor, and defining their duties and powers, and the mode and manner of assessing property within the limits of said district. (Sixteen Sections).

Section 5. * * * * * that at the first meeting of the Board, the Governor shall select one member of the *Board of State Engineers* to attend and to act advisory to the Board of Commissioners, and the President shall have the right at any time to call on the Board of State Engineers for advice and consultation.

Section 7. Duty of the Board to order the construction, etc., of levees within its district, and to construct, etc., levees in Arkansas, within certain limits, all as may be recommended by the Board of State Engineers.

Section 13. "All moneys collected by taxation within the district, shall be distributed only for the payment of officers' salaries, as provided in foregoing section; and for the building, maintaining and repairing levees in the Tensas Basin Levee District, or to aid in building, maintaining or repairing levees in the State of Arkansas, as provided in Section 7 of this Act."

Section 14. "All funds derived from the taxes levied annually on all property subject to taxation throughout the limits of the parishes of Catahoula, Caldwell, Ouachita, Morehouse, West Carroll, Richland and Franklin, for the maintenance and repairs of levees, known as the 'General Engineer Fund,' shall be distributed each year by the State Treasurer for levee work done in the 'Tensas Basin Levee District,' or in the State of Arkansas, as before provided."

Approved, July 3, 1884. Promulgated, July 4, 1884.

Act No. 33. Making an appropriation of \$2,500 from the General Engineer Fund to repair Mill Bayou Culvert, in the Parish of Avoyelles.

Approved, July 5, 1884. Promulgated, July 8, 1884.

Act No. 48. To amend and re-enact Act 99 of 1882, entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor to appoint an additional Engineer, to prescribe his duties and his salary." (Three Sections).

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That Act 99 of the Session of 1882, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

"The Governor of the State is hereby authorized to appoint two Assistant Engineers, in addition to the two Assistant Engineers provided for and now existing under Act 33 of 1879, whose duties and powers shall be the same as is now provided for

Assistant Engineers by Act No. 33 of 1879, and whose salaries shall be, as now fixed by law for Assistant Engineers, under the same Act No. 33 of 1879, and shall be paid in same manner as is provided by Act No. 33 of 1879, out of the General Engineer Fund."

Approved, July 5, 1884. Promulgated, July 10, 1884.

Act No. 52. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana for the year commencing July 1, 1884, and ending June 30, 1885, and for the year commencing July 1, 1885, and ending June 30, 1886.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining of levees, etc.,
 * * * * * with usual proviso in regard to time when the Federal Government would assume control of and provide ways and means for maintenance of the levees of the State—for the year ending June 30, 1885, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000).

Salary of *Chief State Engineer*, for the year ending June 30, 1885, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, (\$3,600).

Salaries of Two Assistant Engineers, for the year ending June 30, 1885, Six Thousand Dollars, (\$6,000); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Six Thousand Dollars, (\$6,000).

Salary Secretary Board of State Engineers, for the year ending June 30, 1885, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Salary Draftsman Board of State Engineers, for the year ending June 30, 1885, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Eighteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Salary Assistant draftsman, Board of State Engineers, for the year ending June 30, 1885, Thirteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Thirteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300).

Engineers' materials, and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., for the year ending June 30, 1885, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1885, Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$6,500); for the year ending June 30, 1886, Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$6,500).

FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS.

Salary of Register of State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1885, Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000); for year ending June 30, 1886, Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000).

Messenger and Porter, State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1885, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300); for year ending June 30, 1886, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1885, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200); for year ending June 30, 1886, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200).

Safe and furniture, State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1885, Six Hundred Dollars, (\$600); for year ending June 30, 1886, Six Hundred Dollars, (\$600).

Abstract of entries in the U. S. Land Office for use of Auditor in preparing list of entries for Parish Assessors, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500), out of the revenues of 1885.

Clerical force, postage, expenses, etc., Register of State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1885, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500); for year ending June 30, 1886, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500).

Approved, July 7, 1884. Promulgated, July 11th and 14th, 1884.

Act No. 59. To amend and re-enact Act No. 97, approved April 10, 1880, entitled An Act to provide for the postponement of the payment of taxes in case of overflow, general conflagration, general destruction of crops or other public calamity, as provided for in Art. 212 of the Constitution, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Approved, July 7, 1884. Promulgated, July 14, 1884.

Act No. 62. To amend and re-enact Section 2, Act No. 127 of the Session of 1880, entitled "An Act to provide for the employment of a Superintendent and other officers and employees for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, prescribing his duties, fixing his salary, and limiting the expenses of said New Basin Canal and Shell Road. (See Act No. 91 of 1882).

Approved, July 9, 1884. Promulgated, July 14, 1884.

Act No. 83. To amend and re-enact Act No. 73 of the year 1882, entitled "An Act relative to the distribution of funds derived from the taxes levied annually on all property, for the maintenance and repair of levees." (General Engineer Fund). (See Act No. 60 of 1886).

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 17, 1884.

Act No. 84. To invest Police Juries with the management and control of the completed public levees; to require them to make laws and provide necessary means for the protection, preservation and repair of public levees; to provide for dividing parishes into levee wards or districts, and for the appointment of overseers therefor; to prescribe the duties of levee overseers; to prohibit the cutting of public levees for any purpose except for their repair or reconstruction, or for placing therein rice-flumes and pipes, or conduits for supply of water in the manufacture of sugar; to prescribe punishments and penalties for violation of this Act; and to repeal Act No. 88, approved April 10, 1880, and Act No. 104, approved July 5, 1882, and all Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act. (See Act No. 144 of 1890).

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 17, 1884.

Act No. 85. To authorize the Governor and Board of State Engineers to contract with S. L. James and John McGinty for building and repairing levees for the years 1884 and 1885, and fixing price to be paid for same. (For all levees not exceeding five feet in height, fifteen cents per cubic yard; for all levees between seven and ten feet in height, twenty cents per cubic yard; for all levees over five feet in height, and not over seven feet in height, eighteen cents per cubic yard; for all levees from ten to fourteen feet in height, twenty-two cents per cubic yard; and for all levees exceeding fourteen feet in height, twenty-four cents per cubic yard).

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 17, 1884.

Act No. 86. To repeal Act No. 160, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans," approved March 16, 1857; also to repeal Act No. 74, entitled "An Act relative to the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company of New Orleans," approved March 10, 1858; also, to authorize the Governor to appoint experts to value the property of the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company; also to direct the Governor to take possession of the Bayou St. John and Canal Carondelet, and to appoint Commissioners to superintend the same.

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 17, 1884.

Act No. 92. To abolish the Police Juries of the Parish of Jefferson, right and left banks, and to consolidate the Parish of Jefferson under one parochial government, styled "The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson." Also, to provide for the liquidation and settlement of the valid debts and obligations of each division and said parish consolidated under this Act.

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 18, 1884.

Act No. 112. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to Article Two Hundred and Fourteen of the Constitution of the State. (Division of State into Levee Districts, appointment or election of Levee Commissioners, levying tax not to exceed ten mills, etc.)

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 19, 1884.

Act No. 113. Requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to obtain from the National Government suitable appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of Bayous Vidal and Roundaway, and the canal from said bayous to Davis Lake.

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 19, 1884.

Act No. 117. (Concurrent Resolution). For the transfer of certain unexpended balance (\$12,551.36) for the relief of sufferers by overflow, to the General Fund of 1883.

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 19, 1884.

Act No. 121. (Concurrent Resolution). Relative to the rent due for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road. (Attorney General directed to prosecute the former lessees of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road for rent due and damages for non-execution of lease, etc.)

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 19, 1884.

Act No. 123. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolutions, requesting the Mississippi River Commission to devise and put into execution a plan to prevent the caving of the banks of the lower Mississippi.

Approved, July 10, 1884. Promulgated, July 19, 1884.

SESSION OF 1886.

Act No. 3. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure such legislation at the present Session of Congress as will afford ample protection to every actual settler upon the lands granted to the State of Louisiana by Act of Congress passed June 3, 1856, to aid in the construction of a railroad from a point on the Mississippi River, opposite Vicksburg, by way of Monroe and Shreveport, to the Texas line, which road was known as the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad, and to provide means by which settlers on the lands not earned by said railroad and disposed of according to the terms of said grant, may acquire from the Government a title to the lands occupied by them, without paying more than the ordinary fees for homestead entry.

Approved, June 1, 1886. Promulgated, June 2, 1886.

Act No. 5. (Concurrent Resolution). Asking for an appropriation by Congress of a sufficient sum for the dredging and deepening of the channel of Bayou Lafourche; and also for the removal of the islands and other obstructions from said channel, from the mouth of said bayou, where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, in the Parish of Lafourche, to Raceland Station, on Bayou Lafourche, in Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana, and requiring the Federal Government, through the proper department, to take measures for the removal of said obstructions, etc.

Approved, May 31, 1886. Promulgated, June 4, 1886.

Act No. 6. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolutions. Instructing and requesting our Senators and Representatives from the State of Louisiana in the Congress of the United States, to use every endeavor and exertion to secure for the Big Bogue Fallia an additional appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of more fully and effectually carrying out the object intended, viz: of dredging, cleaning out and removing its obstructions and impediments to navigation, from the point known as the Old Landing to the town of Covington, to which large steamers and other crafts formerly came without let or hindrance; and that further appropriations be made for the following streams, with sums designated, for the purpose of carrying out the objects hereinbefore specified, to-wit: the improvement of their condition for navigation for the purposes of

commerce, traffic and trade; Bayou Castin, near Mandeville, the only safe anchorage for that town from the perils of the storms of Lake Pontchartrain, Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000); Bayou Bonfouca, Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000); Bayou Lacombe, Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000); total for the four streams mentioned, Big Bogue Fallia, Bayou Castin, Bayou Bonfouca and Bayou Lacombe, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000), etc., all in the Parish of St. Tammany.

Approved, May 31, 1886. Promulgated, June 4, 1886.

Act No. 8. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. For the purpose of inviting the Levee Commissioners of the Counties of Philips, Desha and Chicot, of the State of Arkansas, to meet the Levee Committees of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, to formulate some concert of action to the end that a unity of purpose and concentrated force be brought to bear to combat annual inundation from the waters of the Mississippi River in twelve or more Parishes of the State of Louisiana, etc.

Approved, June 3, 1886. Promulgated, June 4, 1886.

Act No. 12. (Concurrent Resolution). Instructing and requiring the Attorney General to institute, without delay, legal proceedings against the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company for the forfeiture of its charter, and to bring its property into the possession of the State.

Approved, June 8, 1886. Promulgated, June 9, 1886.

Act No. 21. For the protection of actual settlers on State lands, defining the mode and manner by which such lands possessed, improved or cultivated, may be entered or purchased from the State, and regulating the duties of the Register of the State Land Office in reference thereto.

Approved, June 23, 1886. Promulgated, June 24, 1886.

Act No. 22. (Concurrent Resolution). Instructing the Superintendent of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road to remove the roller-coaster or switch-back railroad constructed on the property of the State adjacent to the New Canal, at West End.

Approved, June 23, 1886. Promulgated, June 25, 1886.

Act No. 33. (Concurrent Resolution). To amend and reenact a Concurrent Resolution entitled a "Concurrent Resolution instructing and requiring the Attorney General to institute suit for the forfeiture of the charter of the Carondelet Canal and

Navigation Company," being Concurrent Resolution No. 12, of the Acts of the General Assembly of the year 1886, approved, June 8, 1886.

Approved, June 24, 1886. Promulgated, June 29, 1886.

Act No. 36. To authorize and require the Register of the State Land Office to transfer to the office of Auditor of Public Accounts all lists of lands acquired by the State, under the provisions of Act 98 of the Acts of 1882.

Approved, June 29, 1886. Promulgated, July 1, 1886.

Act No. 39. To create the Parish of Acadia, and to provide for the organization thereof. (Thirteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That a new Parish, in the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby created out of the South-western portion of the Parish of St. Landry, to be called and known as the "Parish of Acadia"; that said Parish of "Acadia" shall be composed of all that territory of the said Parish of St. Landry comprised within the following boundaries, to-wit; All that portion of territory lying and being South and West of a line beginning on the West boundary of St. Landry Parish, and its intersection with the Township line between Township six (6) and seven (7), south; thence in an easterly direction on Township lines between Township six (6) and seven (7) to the north-east corner of Section three (3), in Township seven (7) south, range two (2) east; thence in a southerly direction on section lines about three (3) miles to the corner common to sections 14, 15, 22 and 23; thence in an easterly direction about four (4) miles to a point in section seventy-nine (79) in Township seven (7) south, range three (3) east, when the section lines, if run, would make the corner common to sections 16, 17, 20 and 21; thence in a southerly direction across section seventy-nine (79) and following section lines about six (6) miles to the corner common to sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, in Township eight (8) south, range three (3) east; thence in an easterly direction between sections 16 and 21, one mile; thence two miles in a southerly direction on section lines between sections 21 and 22, and between sections 27 and 28; thence one mile in an easterly direction to the corner common to sections 26, 27, 34 and 35; thence about two (2) miles in a southerly direction to the division line between "the parishes of Lafayette and St. Landry; thence following the division line, as now established between the parishes of St. Landry and Lafayette, and St. Landry and Vermillion, to

the existing boundary between the parishes of St. Landry and Calcasieu; thence on existing west boundary of St. Landry Parish to the starting point aforesaid."

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Approved, June 30, 1886. Promulgated, July 2, 1886.

Act No. 42. (Concurrent Resolution). Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to revise the records of his office.

Approved, July 1, 1886. Promulgated, July 3, 1886.

Act No. 44. "To repeal that portion of Act 33 of the Acts of 1879, creating the Fifth Levee District and to create a new district to be known and styled "The Fifth Louisiana Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies, and salaries of Commissioners and officers; to constitute said commissioners, as a levee board styled, "The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District"; to make said board a body politic invested with corporate powers and having a corporate seal, to fix the mode, time and place of meetings; to designate a quorum for the transaction of business; to provide for the organization and government of said board; to define its duties, powers and prohibitions; to regulate legal proceedings by and against said board and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to the copies of said records and to establish their admissibility and weight of evidence; to require said board to prescribe rules and regulations for the construction and maintenance of levees and to establish a comprehensive levee system extending from the mouth of Red River along the Mississippi River up to the Arkansas line at Ashton, and thence west, along the northern boundary of said district to Bayou Macon Hills, for the purpose of permanently securing the entire district from destructive floods; to prescribe the *duties* of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to levy a five mill district tax, pursuant to Article 214 of the Constitution, and prescribe the duties of Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer with reference thereto; to authorize the Board, under certain circumstances, to levy a special assessment or contribution on lands to be protected by said levees and providing for its collection. Also to levy a special assessment or contribution on cotton produced on such lands in

the district and regulate its collection; to prevent the evasion of the tax and fix a penalty therefor; to grant certain lands for levee purposes and prescribe the duty of the Auditor in relation thereto; to exempt such lands from taxation until sold by the Board; to authorize the Board to mortgage and sell said lands and apply the proceeds for levee purposes; to authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds; to provide the mode of issuing, securing and paying same, for enforcing payment in case of default; to authorize the Board to buy, to sell, to make contracts for building, repairing and maintaining levees, and to pay for same in bonds or otherwise; to fix proportion of General Engineer Fund to be allotted to said district and prescribe duty of the *Board of State Engineers* in reference thereto; to provide for the care and police of levees and authorize Board to appoint inspectors and watchmen, and, in certain cases, to call out road hands to work on levees; to provide compensation therefor; to provide penalty for neglect of hands to serve; to provide the mode of depositing, keeping and disbursing all funds of the Board; to specify by whom and in what manner warrants shall be drawn against said funds; to define misappropriation of funds and property of Board by President, Commissioner or Officer, and provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act in force, repeal all laws in conflict therewith and for other purposes." (Nineteen Sections).

Sections 4 and 5. (See Act No. 16 of 1890).

Sec. 9. (See Act 4 of 1892, amended by Act 6 of 1892).

Sec. 10. (Amended by Act 5 of 1902).

Sec. 11. (Amended by Act 191 of 1908).

Approved, July 2, 1886. Promulgated, July 10, 1886.

Act No. 47. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1886, and ending June 30, 1887; and for the year commencing July 1, 1887, and ending June 30, 1888.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For construction, repairing and maintaining of levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of other funds to the General Engineer Fund and from the sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1887, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000); for the year ending June 30, 1888, Two Hundred

Thousand Dollars (\$200,000); Salary of *Chief State Engineer*, for the year ending June 30, 1887, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); for the year ending June 30, 1888, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salaries for four Assistant Engineers, for the year ending June 30, 1887, Three Thousand Dollars each, Twelve Thousand Dollars, (\$12,000); for the year ending June 30, 1888, Three Thousand Dollars, each, Twelve Thousand Dollars, (\$12,000).

Salary of Secretary, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1887, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); for year ending June 30, 1888, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Salary of Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1887, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800); for year ending June 30, 1888, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Salary of Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1887, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300); for year ending June 30, 1888, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars, (\$1,300).

Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., for year ending June 30, 1887, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500); for year ending June 30, 1888, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1887, Six Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500); for year ending June 30, 1888, Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500).

FROM PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS.

Salary of Register of State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1887, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); for year ending June 30, 1888, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1887, Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300); for year ending June 30, 1888, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., for State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1887, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200); for year ending June 30, 1888, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Shelving, armoirs, etc., State Land Office, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150).

Clerical force, State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1887, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); for year ending June 30, 1888, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Abstract of entries in the U. S. Land Office, for use of Auditor in preparing list of entries for Parish Assessors, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500) out of revenues of 1886.

Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 10, 1886.

Act No. 48. For the protection of the alluvial lands of the State, authorizing and instructing the *Board of State Engineers* to survey, stake out and make estimate of the cost of certain levees; authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to solicit and accept aid from districts, parishes, municipalities or individuals interested in the construction of said levees; authorizing and instructing the *Board of State Engineers* to contract for the building of said levees, under certain circumstances; providing for payment of the same and prescribing the fund to be used in such payment, and providing, under certain circumstances, that the lessees of the penitentiary be required to perform the work, and providing that the Engineers shall issue certificates upon the completion and acceptance of the work, and authorizing the receipt of these certificates by the Auditor and Treasurer in payment of certain dues. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 1. Authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to survey the Morganza and Diamond Island Bend Crevasses, to make an estimate of the probable cost of closing the same, and report to the Governor.

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Sec. 3. Appropriating \$41,000.00 to be obtained from the lessees of the penitentiary for the years 1886 and 1887—\$20,000 for closing Morganza Levee and \$21,000 for closing Diamond Island Bend Levee. * * * *

Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 14, 1886.

Act No. 56. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to advertise in newspapers in this State, notifying all persons holding claims against the public domain of the State of Louisiana, or orders to refund to file said claims, with the evidence, in the office of the Register of Land, on or before the 1st day of April, 1887; to authorize the Register to file and receipt for the same, and to report the same to the General Assembly at its next regular session; to recommend the appropriate relief therefor; to prohibit the Register from settling any such claims until the

General Assembly shall have passed thereon; and to appropriate a sum necessary to defray the expenses of this procedure. Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 15, 1886.

Act No. 58. To re-establish the drainage of Bayou Fountaine, in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, and make an appropriation therefor (\$10,000.00) out of the Levee and Drainage Fund. Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 15, 1886.

Act No. 59. To incorporate the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, to define their powers, to prescribe their duties, to authorize them to levy taxes and assessments, to issue bonds and provide for their payment, principal and interest, by taxation, and the proceeds of the sale of State lands, and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District as now organized, and all Acts amendatory thereto, and all laws inconsistent with this Act. (Twenty-one Sections).

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Title, see Act No. 77 of 1888.

Sec. 1. See Act No. 141 of 1910.

Sec. 3. Amended by Act No. 117 of 1898.

Sec. 9. See Act No. 77 of 1888.

Sec. 10. See Act No. 70 of 1894.

Sec. 13. See Act No. 77 of 1888.

Sec. 15. See Act No. 77 of 1888.

Sec. 19. See Act No. 141 of 1910.

Sec. 20. See Act No. 77 of 1888.

Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 16, 1886.

Act No. 60. To amend and re-enact Act No. 83 of the year 1884, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 73 of the year 1882", entitled "An Act relative to the distribution of the funds derived from the taxes levied on all property subject to taxation, for the maintenance and repair of levees" (General Engineer Fund—its distribution, etc). Approved, July 3, 1886. Promulgated, July 16, 1886.

Act No. 64. (Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution, relative to the improvement by the Federal Government of the Navigation of the Calcasieu River. Approved, July 5, 1886. Promulgated, July 16, 1886.

Act No. 75. (Joint Resolution) Proposing to submit to the electors of the State an Amendment to Article One Hundred and Eighty (180) of the Constitution of 1879, relative to the

New Basin Canal and Shell Road. (Proposed Amendment—"The New Basin Canal and Shell Road and their appurtenances shall not be leased nor alienated"). Approved, July 7, 1886. Promulgated, July 16, 1886.

Act No. 78. To prescribe the manner in which the public levees are to be built in places where the line of levee crosses a bayou or slough, and to require the *Board of State Engineers* to observe the same in giving out contracts (Banquettes twenty (20) feet wide up to level of the roadway on each side of said bayou or slough). Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 17, 1886.

Act No. 79. Authorizing the tax due by the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railroad Company to the State for the years 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1883, to be placed to the credit of the Texas Basin Levee District and Fifth Louisiana Levee District for levee purposes, and authorizing the parishes of Ouachita, Richland and Madison to appropriate money to said districts for the same purposes. Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 17, 1886.

Act No. 86. To amend and re-enact Sections 6 and 7 of Act No. 127 of the Acts of 1880, entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other Officers and employees of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, prescribing his duties, fixing his salary and limiting the expenses of said New Basin Canal and Shell Road. Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 17, 1886.

Act No. 98. To provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted by the Constitution from taxation, and by prescribing the methods of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof. (Ninety-five Sections).

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Sec. 92. * * * * "Second, one mill levee tax is levied for the purpose of maintaining and repairing levees, and shall be applied exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the general engineer fund".

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Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 21, 1886.

Act No. 103. To create a special levee district within certain limits prescribed in this Act; to empower said corporation to levy contributions and to issue bonds, and to provide for the payment thereof, and under certain contingencies to require

under penalty the performance of labor by certain persons on said levee; to enforce the collection of said contributions, and for other purposes. (Atchafalaya and Bayou des Glaizes Special Levee District). (Twenty-two Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., "that the limits and boundaries of the levee district created by this Act shall be as follows, to-wit: That portion of the Fourth Levee District lying South of Red River and West of the Atchafalaya in the parish of Avoyelles, also that part of St. Landry Parish lying East and North of Bayou Boeuf and Courtableau".

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, etc., that the said district shall be known by the name of Atchafalaya and Bayou des Glaizes Special Levee District.

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Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 22, 1886.

Act No. 112. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to invest police juries with the management and control of the completed public levees; to require them to make laws and provide means for the protection, preservation and repair of the public levees; to provide for dividing parishes into levee wards or districts, and for the appointment of levee overseers therefor; to prescribe the duties of levee overseers; to prohibit the cutting of levees for any purpose except for their repair or reconstruction or for placing therein rice-flumes and pipes or conduits for supply of water in the manufacture of sugar; to prescribe punishment and penalties for violation of this Act; and to repeal Act No. 88, approved April 10, 1880, and Act No. 104, approved July 5, 1882, and all Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act. (Provisions of this Act, in so far as applicable to rice flumes, not to be applicable to the parish of Lafourche and to the Parish of Orleans below "Live Oak Grove" Plantation, right bank of Mississippi River, and below "Bel Air" Plantation on the left bank of said river). Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 23, 1886.

Act No. 118. Authorizing and empowering the Board of Commissioners of the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, by and with the consent of the proper authorities in the State of Arkansas, to construct, maintain or repair such levee or levees in said State of Arkansas, as said Board in its discretion may determine upon as being for the better protection from overflow of the lands in said district. Approved, July 8, 1886. Promulgated, July 23, 1886.

SESSION OF 1888.

Acts, Joint and Concurrent Resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Regular Session Begun and Held at the City of Baton Rouge on the Fourteenth Day of May, A. D., 1888, and which adjourned on Thursday the Twelfth Day of July, A. D., 1888.

Act No. 2. (Concurrent Resolution). Petitioning and memorializing the Congress of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for the improvement of Bayou Castor, from its junction with Little River through the parishes of Catahoula, Winn and Caldwell, to Ewing's Bridge on said Bayou, and Bayou D'Arbonne, from its mouth to where it is intersected by Bayou Cornie, and Bayou Cornie, from its mouth to Shiloh Landing on said Bayou in the parishes of Ouachita and Winn in the State of Louisiana.

Approved, June 7, 1888. Promulgated, June 8, 1888.

Act No. 4. (Concurrent Resolution). Petitioning and memorializing the Congress of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for the improvement of navigation of Bayou Teche, in the parishes of St. Martin and St. Landry, by the construction of one or more locks on said Bayou, in the State of Louisiana.

Approved, June 7, 1888. Promulgated, June 12, 1888.

Act No. 6. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to obtain appropriations by Congress for the speedy removal of the raft in Bayou Pierre, one of the channels of Red River, etc.

Approved, June 7, 1888. Promulgated, June 12, 1888.

Act No. 8. To carry into effect Article 214 of the Constitution of this State relative to the formation of levee districts and the levying of taxes for levee purposes, as amended at the general election of April 17, 1888; to prescribe the manner and provide for the cost of submitting certain district levee taxes to a vote of property tax-payers, as required by said Amended Article 214; to except the parish of Orleans from the operations of this Act; to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with this Act, and to give it effect from and after its promulgation.

Approved, June 15, 1888. Promulgated, June 17, 1888.

(See Article 239 of Constitution of 1898).

Act No. 11. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring the Federal Government, through the proper department, to take measures necessary to remove certain bars at the mouth of the Calcasieu River, and to improve the latter and its tributaries for navigation, etc.

Approved, June 20, 1888. Promulgated, June 21, 1888.

Act No. 12. (Concurrent Resolution). Calling upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to obtain a sufficient appropriation by the United States Congress for the purpose of securing slack water navigation for Bayou Macon and opening it up to the Arkansas line by dredging the shoals and constructing locks.

Approved, June 20, 1888. Promulgated, June 21, 1888.

Act No. 13. (Concurrent resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting and instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use every effort to secure such legislation at the present Session of Congress as will at once withdraw the unsold and unentered public lands in this State from market, and will secure them for homestead only by actual settlers.

Approved, June 20, 1888. Promulgated, June 21, 1888.

Act No. 14. (Concurrent Resolution). Petitioning and memorializing the Congress of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of that part of the Atchafalaya River, known as the Lower Atchafalaya, and for the improvement of Berwick's Bay and its outlets into the Gulf of Mexico.

Approved, June 20, 1888. Promulgated, June 21, 1888.

Act No. 15. (Concurrent Resolution). Petitioning and memorializing the Congress of the United States to make an adequate appropriation for the improvement of navigation of "Bayou Teche," in the parishes of St. Mary and Iberia, by the construction of one or more locks on said bayou in the State of Louisiana.

Approved, June 20, 1888. Promulgated, June 21, 1888.

Act No. 27. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their utmost endeavors to obtain from the General Government a special appropriation for the removal of certain bars or banks of sand, resulting from crevasses, from and for the general

improvement of Bayou Lafourche from its mouth (head) at Donaldsonville in the parish of Ascension, to its terminus in the Gulf of Mexico.

Approved, June 28, 1888. Promulgated, July 1, 1888.

Act No. 28. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Instructing and requesting our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to use their best endeavors to have restored to the Rivers and Harbors Bill the appropriation of \$50,000, for the improvement of Bayou Lafourche, stricken out by the Senate, etc.

Approved, June 28, 1888. Promulgated, July 1, 1888.

Act No. 30. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. (Relative to petition of the people of the Parishes of East and West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, Washington, Livingston and St. Tammany, to the Congress of the United States in 1876, to adjudicate their cause for certain lands conquered by the State of West Florida from Spain in 1810).

Approved June 28, 1888. Promulgated July 1, 1888.

Act No. 39. (Concurrent Resolution). Instructing the *Board of State Engineers* to make a complete and accurate survey of the New Basin Canal property in the parish of Orleans, to establish the boundaries of said property and to mark the limits thereof.

Also to make plans and estimates for such repairs and improvements of said New Basin Canal as they may deem necessary.

Approved, July 5, 1888. Promulgated, July 11, 1888.

Act No. 42. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Urging our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to obtain a sufficient appropriation to re-establish navigation by dredging out Upper Bayou Boeuf and partially closing the outlet into Bayou Lamourie by dam or otherwise.

Approved, July 9, 1888. Promulgated, July 11, 1888.

Act No. 45. (Joint Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Authorizing the Auditor, under certain conditions, to transfer from the General Engineer Fund to the Levee Construction and Repairs Fund of 1878, the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty (\$8,420) Dollars for the payment of warrants outstanding against the said Levee Construction and Repairs Fund of 1878, etc.

Approved, July 9, 1888. Promulgated, July 11, 1888.

Act No. 48. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1888, and ending June 30, 1889; and for the year commencing July 1, 1889, and ending June 30, 1890.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For the construction, repairing and maintaining levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce or as may be derived from the transfer of other funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from the sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1889, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000); for year ending June 30, 1890, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

Salary, Chief State Engineer, for year ending June 30, 1889, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); for year ending June 30, 1890, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salaries of Four Assistant Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1889, Three Thousand Dollars each (\$3,000), Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); for year ending June 30, 1890, Three Thousand Dollars each (\$3,000), Twelve Thousand Dollars, (\$12,000).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1889, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); for year ending June 30, 1890, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$1,800).

Salary, Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1889, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); for year ending June 30, 1890, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1889, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); for year ending June 30, 1890, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., for year ending June 30, 1889, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), for year ending June 30, 1890, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, for year ending June 30, 1889, Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000); for year ending June 30, 1890, Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000).

FROM PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS

Salary of Register of State Land Office, for year ending June 30, 1889, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500); for year ending June 30, 1890, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500).

Messenger and porter, year ending June 30, 1889, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); for year ending June 30, 1890, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1889, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200); year ending June 30, 1890, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Clerical force, year ending June 30, 1889, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500); year ending June 30, 1890, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500).

Maps in swamp land sections of new surveys, year ending June 30, 1889, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1890, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Abstracts of entries in the U. S. Land Offices, for use of Auditor in preparing list of entries for parish assessors, for year ending June 30, 1889, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500); year ending June 30, 1890, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500).

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Approved, July 10, 1888. Promulgated, July 12, 1888.

Act No. 61. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolutions. Requesting and instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to obtain appropriations by Congress for the closure, at intervals of two years, of the Hervey, the Kouns, and the Sale and Murphy Canals, on the West Bank of Red River, in Caddo Parish, La., in accordance with the plans and specifications of the U. S. Engineers, already made, etc.

Approved, July 15, 1888. Promulgated, July 19, 1888.

Act No. 62. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting the attorney General to investigate the books, financial condition and management of the New Basin Canal & Shell Road, and to institute such proceedings, if any be necessary, as to him may seem proper.

Approved, July 10, 1888. Promulgated, July 19, 1888.

Act No. 67. To authorize the police juries of the various parishes subject to tidal overflow to erect and maintain back and side levees to protect portions of their several parishes from tidal overflow; to provide for the levy of a local assessment on the lands to be benefited, and the collection thereof; to submit the ordinance to a vote of the property tax-payers proposed to be liable to said assessment qualified to vote under the election laws of the State, on the adoption or rejection of said ordinance; to provide for the publication of the ordinance and the election thereon, and the canvassing and promulgation of the result thereof; and to require the *Board of State Engineers* to render their aid and assistance on said work.

Approved, July 11, 1888. Promulgated, July 20, 1888.

Act No. 77. To amend Sections one (1), nine (9), thirteen (13), Fifteen (15) and twenty (20) of Act No. 59 of the Acts of 1886, entitled "An act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, to define their powers, to prescribe their duties, to authorize them to levy taxes and assessments, to issue bonds, and to provide for their payment, principal and interest, by taxation, and the proceeds of the sale of State lands, and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session Acts of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District, as now organized, and all Acts amendatory thereto, and all laws inconsistent therewith.

(Section 1. See Act No. 141 of 1910).

(Section 2. Amended by Act No. 103 of 1892).

(Section 5. Amended by Act No. 103 of 1892).

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 20, 1888.

Act No. 82. To amend and re-enact Act No. 102 of 1882, entitled "An Act to amend the Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, with reference to corporations for works of public improvements. (Any railroad, plankroad, turnpike, canal, elevator or warehouse company, or any company for *drainage*, sewerage, *land reclamation* and *levee building*, or waterworks company, established under the laws of the State, etc., may borrow from time to time such sums as may be required, etc.)

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 21, 1888.

Act No. 85. To provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana, by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not

exempted by the Constitution from taxation, and by prescribing the methods of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof. (Ninety-two Sections).

Sec. 89. Be it further enacted, etc., That said annual taxes are levied for the following purposes and in the following proportions, to-wit:

"Second. One mill levee tax is levied for the purpose of maintaining and repairing levees, and shall be applied exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund."

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 21, 1888.

Act No. 86. To provide for draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the parish of Iberia, and to drain and reclaim certain low, marshy and wet lands, the Grand Marais and land contiguous thereto; to appoint a Board of Commissioners, to define their powers, to prescribe their duties, to authorize them to levy taxes and assessments; to issue bonds and provide for their payment by taxation. (Twenty-one Sections).

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said Board of Commissioners are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary to thoroughly complete the drainage of the Grand Marais, in the parish of Iberia, and all that portion of the lands West of New Iberia and the Bayou Teche. The line to form said drainage district shall run above due West from New Iberia, but shall not include New Iberia, to the Bayou Petit Anse to Avery's Island, and from Avery's Island in a southerly direction to Vermilion Bay. From New Iberia southward the line shall follow the Bayou Teche to the point connecting the Delahoussaye, or State Canal, and thence to follow this canal in a southwest direction towards the Bay of Cote Blanche, or Gulf of Mexico.

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated July 23, 1888.

Act No. 104. To authorize the Register of the State Land Office, where it is made to appear that dual or double entries have been made, to cancel the invalid and erroneous entry and to issue a warrant therefor, locatable on other State lands of the same class as was originally entered. Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 24, 1888

Act No. 107. Authorizing and empowering the Police Juries of this State to divide their respective parishes into drainage districts; providing for the appointment of commissioners to superintend said districts, and their duties; for the raising of funds by special tax on the lands in said districts, and the manner in which said taxes shall be collected. (Six Sections).

(Section 1 Amended by Act No. 83 of 1890).

(Sections 3 and 5, amended).

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 24, 1888.

Act No. 108. To make riding, driving, or hauling on the public levees of this State, a misdemeanor, to prescribe penalties for the same, to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act, and to give it effect from and after its promulgation.

(Amended by Act No. 74 of 1918).

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 24, 1888.

Act No. 117. To authorize the Auditor of the State to warrant against the several district levee funds for the expense of keeping and paying the accounts of said funds. (Provided, said additional expense shall not exceed twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400)).

Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 26, 1888.

Act No. 127. (Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Our Senators and Representatives in Congress urged to use all efforts to prevent the building of any bridge across the Mississippi River below the City of St. Louis, or elsewhere, the main channel span of which shall not be less than one thousand feet, and not less than eighty-five feet above the "Greatest high mark", etc. Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 25, 1888.

Act No. 131. (Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Petitioning and requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence and thereby secure the passage of a bill making the necessary appropriation to clean out, drain and put in proper condition for cultivation, certain lands contiguous to Bayou Bourbeaux, Bayou Paul and Bayou La Butte in the parish of Iberville—\$30,000.00 for each. Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 25, 1888.

Act No. 132. (Concurrent Resolution) That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed and requested to do all in their power to have restored to the River and Har-

bor Bill, the item appropriating \$2,500.00 for the improvement of the Bogue Falaya River, from the Old Landing at Covington, in the parish of St. Tammany, La., and also \$10,000.00 for the Calcasieu River. Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 25, 1888.

Act No. 144. To provide for the appointment of a superintendent and other officers for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, to prescribe their duties and to fix their salaries; and to create a Board of Control for said New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and to prescribe their powers and duties. (Twenty-eight Sections). * * * * *

Sec. 26. Be it further enacted, etc., That for any repairs and improvements to be made on said New Basin Canal, the Governor shall, upon application of said Board of Control, direct the *Board of State Engineers* to furnish such lines and levels, plans and estimates as may be considered necessary for the proper and efficient execution of the work, and the said *Board of Engineers* shall make such reports, from time to time to the Governor, as will show the condition and progress of said improvements and repairs. Section 12, Amended by Act No. 82 of 1896. Approved, July 12, 1888. Promulgated, July 25, 1888.

SESSION OF 1890.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Twelfth Day of May, 1890.

Act No. 1. (Concurrent Resolution) Expressing entire confidence in the levee system, and condemning what is known as the outlet theory. Approved, May 1, 1890. Promulgated, May 23, 1890.

Act No 2. (Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Vote of thanks to Captain Dan C. Kingman, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., for the splendid services rendered by him to our State during the high water of 1890, etc. Approved, May 21, 1890. Promulgated, May 23, 1890.

Act No. 7. (Concurrent Resolution) Expressing to General Cyrus B. Comstock of the U. S. Corps of Engineers, and Chairman of the Mississippi River Commission the grateful appreciation of the people of the State of his services and as-

sistance in their hour of peril and disaster from the flood water of the Mississippi River, etc. Approved, May 28, 1890. Promulgated, May 29, 1890.

Act No. 16. To amend and re-enact Sections 4 and 5 of Act 44 of 1886, to repeal that portion of Act 33 of the Acts of 1879, creating the Fifth Levee District and to create a new district to be known and styled, "The Fifth Louisiana Levee District", etc. (See Act 44 of 1886) (Two Sections).

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, etc., That Section 5 of Act 44 of 1886 be amended and re-enacted so as to read, "It shall be the duty of the *Board of State Engineers* to designate one of its members to attend each meeting of the Levee Board when previously notified of such meeting, and to report to and advise the Board as to the location, construction and repairs of all levees necessary for the protection of the district, and are hereby authorized to survey and locate, repair or remove or change all levees in the district, and are charged with the responsibility of all such location; they shall furnish the Board detail reports showing the proper location of all levee lines; shall furnish estimates and specifications and perform all engineering work required by the Board. Approved, June 1, 1890. Promulgated, June 20, 1890.

Act No. 19. To protect Government Lights and Light-house Stations on the navigable waters of this State. Approved, June 19, 1890. Promulgated, June 21, 1890.

Act No. 22. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their utmost endeavors to secure an appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars for the improvement of the Vermillion River, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the improvement of Bayou Tiger, in the parishes of Vermillion and Lafayette.

Approved, June 19, 1890. Promulgated, June 22, 1890.

Act No. 23. (Joint Resolution). Instructing the *Board of State Engineers* to cause to be removed from the base of all levees, hereafter to be made, all stumps, trees, logs, roots and other matter susceptible of decay.

Approved, June 19, 1890. Promulgated, June 22, 1890.

Act No. 35. To dedicate to public use certain State property situated on the South Bank of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road. (Three Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That a certain parcel of land belonging to the State, situated in the parish of Orleans, lying in front of the Metairie Cemetery, on the south bank of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, beginning at the intersection of the Metairie Road with the Shell Road, measuring eight hundred feet front on the Shell Road, by a depth of eighty feet, be and the same is hereby dedicated to the public use.

Approved, June 27, 1890. Promulgated, June 29, 1890.

Act No. 36. To prohibit the Register of Conveyances for the Parish of Orleans from reporting upon his certificates any adjudication to the State for levee taxes of 1880 and 1881 on real estate situated in the Fifth District of the City of New Orleans. (District Levee Taxes).

Approved, June 27, 1890. Promulgated, June 29, 1890.

Act No. 60. Making it unlawful for horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, or live stock of any description to go on the levees, or the space between the base of the levees and the draining ditch, from and during the time that the water is against the levees, and to provide penalties for a violation of this Act.

Approved, July 2, 1890. Promulgated, July 5, 1890.

Act No. 61. Making an appropriation to Miss Katie S. Lennon, of the parish of East Baton Rouge, of One Thousand Dollars, for damages done to her gin-house by the people of East Baton Rouge, during the Martinez Crevasse, in April, 1890. (Appropriated out of that portion of the General Engineer Fund apportioned to the Second Levee District).

Approved, July 3, 1890. Promulgated, July 6, 1890.

Act No. 79. Creating a Levee District to be known and styled "The Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District," etc. (Entire Act amended and re-enacted by Act No. 46 of 1892).

(See also Act 49, 1900; Act 107, 1914; Act 11, 1916).

Approved, July 5, 1890. Promulgated, July 10, 1890.

Act No. 80. To amend and re-enact Act No. 82 of 1888, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 102 of 1882, entitled an Act to amend the Act No. 125 of 1880, approved, April 10, 1880, with reference to corporations for works of public improvement.

Approved, July 5, 1890. Promulgated, July 10, 1890.

Act No. 82. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the

State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees for the year commencing July 1, 1890, and ending June 30, 1891, and for the year commencing July 1, 1891, and ending June 30, 1892.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For construction, repairing and maintaining levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of other funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from sale of swamp lands, year ending June 30, 1891, \$300,000; year ending June 30, 1892, \$300,000.

Salary of Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1891, \$3,600; year ending June 30, 1892, \$3,600.

Salaries for four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars, each; year ending June 30, 1891, \$12,000; year ending June 30, 1892, \$12,000.

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,800; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,800.

Salary, Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,800; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,800.

Salary, Assistant Draftsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,300; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,300.

Engineers' materials and repairing instruments, postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1891, \$500; year ending June 30, 1892, \$500.

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1891, \$8,500; year ending June 30, 1892, \$8,500.

FROM PROCEEDS SALE SWAMP LANDS.

For salary Register State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,500; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,500.

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1891, \$300; year ending June 30, 1892, \$300.

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1891, \$200; year ending June 30, 1892, \$200.

Clerical force, Register State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,500; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,500.

Binding maps in the State Land Office, etc., or as much thereof as may be necessary, \$750.

Abstracts of entries in the U. S. Land Office, etc., year ending June 30, 1891, \$1,000; year ending June 30, 1892, \$1,000.

Approved, July 5, 1890. Promulgated, July 15, 1890.

Act No. 83. To amend and re-enact Sections one (1), three (3) and five (5) of Act No. 107 of 1888.

(1) Authorizing Police Juries to divide their respective parishes into drainage districts; (2) enlarging the powers and duties of Drainage Commissioners; (3) providing the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of the Act, etc.

Approved, July 5, 1890. Promulgated, July 15, 1890.

(See Act No. 37 of 1894).

Act No. 89. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing the Auditor to warrant upon the State Treasurer, out of any surplus to the credit of the Interest Tax Fund of 1890, or any other fund not otherwise appropriated, for the sum of \$2,500, or as much thereof as may be necessary, etc., for the relief of sufferers from the present overflow.

Approved, July 5, 1890. Promulgated, July 16, 1890.

Act No. 93. To establish the Orleans Levee District and the Board of Levee Commissioners thereof; to define their powers and duties; to provide a revenue therefor, and to repeal conflicting laws.

Approved, July 7, 1890. Promulgated, July 17, 1890.

(See Act No. 25 of 1894; No. 79 of 1892; No. 41 of 1892; Act No. 79 of 1898; Act No. 116 of 1898; No. 35 of 1902; No. 25 of 1908; No. 251 of 1912; No. 39 of 1914; No. 203 of 1918; No. 202 of 1916; No. 145 of 1900; No. 79 of 1892; No. 140 of 1900).

Act No. 95. To create a Levee District to be known and styled "The Pontchartrain Levee District," and to provide for its government; to define the limits of the district; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners; to qualifications, mode of removals, filling of vacancies, salaries of Commissioners and Officers, to incorporate said Commissioners as a Levee Board styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District," etc. (Twenty-two Sections).

Approved, July 8, 1890. Promulgated, July 17, 1890.

(See Act No. 68 of 1892; No. 59 of 1894; No. 96 of 1894).

Sec. 4. Amended by Act No. 4 of 1904.

Sec. 6. Amended by Act No. 68 of 1892.

Sec. 11. Amended by Act No. 95 of 1900.

Sec. 12. Amended by Act No. 96 of 1894.

Act No. 96. To improve the drainage of Bayou Pierre River and make an appropriation therefor. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the proportion of the Levee and Drainage Fund to be allotted to the Caddo Sub-Levee District as provided by law when transferred thereto for the purpose of improving the channel in Bayou Pierre River, commencing at the head of Bayou Winsey, Red River Parish, and extending up said river as far as Red Bluff, in De Soto Parish, to reclaim and drain lands subject to overflow, rendered so in consequence of obstructions in said Bayou Pierre River. The *Board of State Engineers* to supervise the work if called on to do so by the Commissioners.

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Approved, July 8, 1890. Promulgated, July 17, 1890.

Act-No. 97. To repeal that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Fourth Levee District, and to create a new district to be known and styled "The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District;" to define the limits of said district, and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies, and salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board, styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District," to make the said Board a body politic, invested with corporate powers, and having a corporate seal; to fix the mode, time and place of meetings, to designate a quorum for the transaction of business; to provide for the organization and government of said Board, to define its duties, powers and prohibitions, to regulate legal proceeding by and against said Board and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to the copies of said records, and to establish their admissibility and weight as evidence; to require said Board to provide rules and regulations for the construction and maintenance of levees, and to establish a comprehensive levee system within said district; to prescribe the *duties* of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to authorize the levy of a forced contribution or special assessment on cotton, sugar, rice, syrup, molasses and esculents produced upon the lands subject to taxation under the provisions of this Act; to require the levy of a ten mill tax on all property subject to taxation, and prescribe the duties of Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer in reference

thereto; to authorize the Board under certain circumstances to levy a special assessment or contribution on lands and railroads in said district and providing for its collection, etc., etc. (Twenty Sections).

Approved, July 8, 1890. Promulgated, July 17, 1890.

(Section 1. See Act 253 of 1908).

(Section 2. See Act 45 of 1906).

(Section 10. See Act 140 of 1902).

(See also Acts Nos. 9 of 1902; 221 of 1910; 239 of 1914, and 74 and 138 of 1916).

Act No. 99. (Concurrent Resolution). Preambles and Resolutions. That Congress is earnestly petitioned and requested to make the necessary appropriations for locking, dredging and re-opening Bayou Plaquemines.

Approved, July 8, 1890. Promulgated, July 17, 1890.

Act No. 107. To create the parish of Troy, and to provide for the organization thereof. (Seventeen Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That a new parish, in the State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby created out of the southern portion of the parish of Catahoula, to be called and known as the "Parish of Troy"; that said parish of Troy shall be composed of all that territory of the said parish of Catahoula comprised within the following boundaries, to-wit, etc.

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Section 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Levee Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District now a member of said Levee Board shall continue in office during his present term and represent both said parishes, and that upon the expiration of the term of the present incumbent there shall be appointed for each of said parishes a Levee Commissioner for said Tensas Basin Levee District.

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Approved, July 10, 1890. Promulgated, July 18, 1890.

Act No. 125. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to issue to the U. S. Express Company certain bonds in place of certain lost or stolen bonds heretofore issued by said Board, and to cancel the last mentioned bonds.

Approved, July 10, 1890. Promulgated, July 20, 1890.

Act No. 142. To amend and re-enact the fifth section of an Act entitled "An Act authorizing and empowering Police Juries of this State to divide their respective parishes into

drainage districts, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to superintend said districts and their duties, for the raising of funds by special tax on the lands of said district, and the manner in which said tax shall be collected, approved July 12, 1888."

Approved, July 10, 1890. Promulgated, July 22, 1890.

Act No. 144. To regulate the manner of placing pipes through the public levees of the State for purposes of irrigation or otherwise; to impose a license upon all pipes through such levees, and to provide for the collection of the same; to require the removal by Police Juries of all existing rice-flumes, dahls and other conduits, and to enforce the payment of the cost thereof; to prohibit the cutting of the public levees of the State for any purpose not provided for by this Act (repairs) and to punish any person offending against this Act.

Approved, July 10, 1890. Promulgated, July 22, 1890.

(See Act No. 5 of 1892, operating as a repeal of this Act and prohibiting all flumes, etc.)

Act No. 151. (Concurrent Resolution). Preambles and Resolution. Returning thanks to the U. S. Government for its assistance to the sufferers from the recent overflow, by its timely distribution of food and clothing to the needy; and to Captain John F. Weston, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., for the prompt, efficient and impartial manner in which the same was distributed.

Approved, July 8, 1890. Promulgated, July 24, 1890.

SESSION OF 1892.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Ninth Day of May, 1892.

Act No. 1. (Concurrent Resolution). Transferring Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Levee and Drainage Fund to the Fifth Louisiana Levee District Fund, for immediate use in protecting the levees of said district from the overflow now threatened.

Approved, May 17, 1892. Promulgated, May 20, 1892.

Act No. 4. To amend and re-enact Section 9 of Act No. 44 of the Acts of 1886, creating the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, approved July 2, 1886, authorizing the "Levee Board

to levy annually a local assessment of five cents on each and every acre of land, and Sixty Dollars per mile on each and every railroad of standard gauge or of gauge greater than standard gauge, and Twenty Dollars per mile on each and every railroad less than standard gauge within the Fifth Louisiana Levee District; provided, that any railroad whose entire length is less than one hundred miles shall be liable to a levee assessment or forced contribution of Thirty Dollars a mile, etc."

Approved, June 8, 1892. Promulgated, June 9, 1892.

Act No. 5. To prohibit placing rice flumes, dahls, pipes, or other foreign substances in the public levees of the State for the purpose of irrigation or otherwise; to require the removal by police juries, by January 1, 1893, of all existing rice flumes, dahls, pipes or other conduits; and to provide a penalty for violation of this Act.

(Provisions of Act not applicable to levees on the Mississippi River not embraced within the limits of the Fifth Louisiana and Atchafalaya, the Lafourche, the Pontchartrain, the Lake Borgne, and the Orleans Levee Districts; and provided, further, That the provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to the levees in the Lake Borgne Levee District, below the lower line of the Monsecour Plantation).

Approved, June 14, 1892. Promulgated, June 16, 1892.

Act No. 12. To cede jurisdiction to the United States over certain land for certain purposes, and for the purchase and condemnation thereof.

Approved, June 20, 1892. Promulgated, June 21, 1892.

Act No. 13. To repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879 creating the Third Levee District, and to create a new district, to be known and styled "The Lafourche Basin Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies, salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District"; to make the said Board a body politic, invested with corporate powers and having a corporate seal; to fix the mode, time and place of meeting; to designate a quorum for the transaction of business; to provide for the organization and government of said Board; to define its duties and powers, and to provide certain prohibitions; to regulate

legal proceedings by and against said Board, and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to copies of said records, and to establish their admissibility and weight as evidence; to require said Board to provide rules and regulations for the construction and maintenance of levees, and to establish a comprehensive levee system within said district; to prescribe the duties of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to authorize the levy of a forced contribution or special assessment on cotton, sugar, rice, syrup, molasses and esculents produced upon the lands subject to taxation under the provisions of this Act; to require the levy of a ten mill tax on all property subject to taxation, and prescribe the duties of Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer in reference thereto; to authorize the Board, under certain circumstances, to levy a special assessment or contribution on lands and railroads in said district, and providing for its collection; to grant certain lands for levee purposes, and prescribe the duty of the Auditor in relation thereto; to exempt said lands from taxation until sold by the Board; to authorize the Board to mortgage and sell said lands and apply the proceeds to levee purposes; to authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds; to provide the mode of issuing, securing and paying same, and for enforcing payment in case of default; to authorize the Board to buy, to sell, to make contracts for building, repairing and maintaining levees, and to pay for same in bonds or otherwise; to fix the proportion of the General Engineer Fund to be allotted to said district and prescribe the duty of the *Board of Engineers* in reference thereto; to provide for the care and police of the levees, and to authorize the Board to appoint inspectors and watchmen, and, in certain cases, to call out road hands to work on levees; to provide compensation therefor; to provide penalties for neglect of hands to serve; to provide the mode of depositing, keeping and disbursing of all funds of the Board; to specify by whom and in what manner warrants shall be drawn against said funds; to define mis-appropriations of funds and property of the Board by President, Commissioner or Officer, and provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act in force and repeal all laws in conflict herewith. (Twenty Sections).

Section 9. Referring to the General Engineer Fund, simply says "That nothing in this Act contained shall deprive this district of *its share* of the General Engineer Fund, etc." (Same in other districts).

Approved, June 20, 1892. Promulgated, June 26, 1892.

Act No. 14. To repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the First Levee District, and to create a new district to be known and styled "The Lake Borgne Basin Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies and salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board, styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District"; to make the said Board a body politic, invested with corporate powers and having a corporate seal; to fix the mode, time and place of meeting; to designate a quorum for the transaction of business; to provide for the organization and government of said Board; to define its duties and powers, and to provide certain prohibitions; to regulate legal proceedings by and against said Board, and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to the copies of said records, and to establish their admissibility and weight as evidence; to require said Board to provide rules and regulations for the construction and maintenance of levees, and to establish a comprehensive levee system within said district; to prescribe the duties of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to authorize the levy of a forced contribution or special assessment on cotton, sugar, rice, syrup, molasses and esculents produced upon the lands subject to taxation under the provisions of this Act; to require the levy of a ten mill tax on all property subject to taxation, and prescribe the duty of Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer in reference thereto; to authorize the Board under certain circumstances to levy a special assessment or contribution on lands and railroads in said district, and providing for its collection; to grant certain lands for levee purposes, and prescribe the duty of the Auditor in relation thereto; to exempt said lands from taxation until sold by the Board; to authorize the Board to mortgage and sell said lands and apply the proceeds to levee purposes; to authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds; to provide the mode of issuing, securing and paying same, and for enforcing payment in case of default; to authorize the Board to buy, to sell, to make contracts for building, repairing and maintaining levees, and to pay for same in bonds or otherwise; to fix the proportion of the General Engineer Fund to be allotted to said district, and prescribe the duty of the *Board of Engineers* in reference thereto; to provide for the care and police of the

levees, and to authorize the Board to appoint inspectors and watchmen, and in certain cases to call out road hands to work on levees; to provide compensation therefor; to provide penalties for neglect of hands to serve; to provide the mode of depositing, keeping and disbursing all funds of the Board; to specify by whom and in what manner warrants shall be drawn against the said funds; to define mis-appropriations of funds and property of the Board by President, Commissioner or Officer, and provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act in force and repeal all laws in conflict herewith. (Twenty Sections).

Approved, June 21, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 16. Making the placing upon the levees of lumber, building material, fuel, fences, buildings, constructions, or anything which obstructs the levees or free passage thereon or safety thereof, or the tying of logs to the levees, punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Approved, June 23, 1892. Promulgated, July 5, 1892.

Act No. 34. To appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, out of the unexpended balances to the credit of the General Fund, for years previous to the year 1892, to be immediately applied to the relief of destitute sufferers by overflow in the several overflowed parishes of this State, etc.

Approved, July 1, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 35. To create a "High Water Emergency Fund," making an appropriation therefor payable out of the General Fund of the year 1891, for the protection and repairs of levees threatened or broken by the high waters of the year 1892, and to provide for the disbursement of the same.

Approved, July 1, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 41. Authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to levy a special tax for the year 1892—not to exceed "four-fifths of a mill on the dollar on all taxable property in said levee district for the purpose of indemnifying the owners of property in said Orleans Levee District, appropriated, damaged or destroyed by said Levee Board in the construction of levees in said district; provided, that in no case shall the amount paid to such owners exceed the assessed valuation thereof at the time of its appropriation," etc.

Approved, July 1, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 43. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to make a selection of all unselected or erroneously selected

lands inuring to the State under the several Congressional grants; and to prosecute to a termination all land claims and matters in which the State has any interest now pending before the General Land Office at Washington, and making the necessary appropriations therefor—One Thousand Dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, etc.

Approved, July 2, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 46. To amend and re-enact Act No. 79 of 1890, creating the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District. (Twenty-five Sections).

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Section 24. Be it further enacted, etc., That the title of said Act No. 79 of 1890, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

An Act. Creating a Levee District to be known and styled "The Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode for removal and filling vacancies, the salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board, styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District"; to make said Board a body politic and vest it with corporate powers and having a corporate seal; to fix the mode, time and place of meetings, to designate a quorum for the transaction of business, to provide for the organization and government of said Board; to define its duties, powers and prohibitions; to regulate legal proceedings by and against said Board, and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to the copies of said record, and to establish their weight and admissibility in evidence; to require said Board to prescribe rules and regulations for the construction and drainage and maintenance of levees, and to provide for action to be taken by police juries, when it would be impracticable to protect said lands, and to establish a comprehensive levee system, for the purpose of permanently securing the entire district from destructive floods; to prescribe the duties of the *State Engineers* in relation to the said Board; to provide a revenue for levee and drainage purposes; to levy a district levee tax pursuant to Act 214 of the Constitution as amended; to prescribe the duties of

Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer in reference thereto; to authorize the Board, under certain circumstances, to levy a special assessment or contribution on land and railroads to be protected by said levees, and providing for its collection; to authorize the issue of bonds; to grant certain land for levee purposes, and prescribe the duty of the Auditor in relation thereto; to exempt said land from taxation until sold by the Board; to authorize the Board to mortgage and sell such lands, and apply the proceeds for levee and drainage purposes; to authorize the Board to buy, to sell and make contracts for building, repairing, draining and maintaining levees, and pay for same; to provide for the care and police of levees; to authorize the Board to appoint inspectors and watchmen, and, in certain cases, to call out road hands to work on the levees; to provide compensation therefor; to provide penalty for neglect of hands to serve; to provide the mode of depositing, keeping and disbursing all funds of the Board; to specify by whom and in what manner warrants shall be drawn against said fund; to define mis-appropriation of funds and property by the President, Commissioner or Officer, and provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act in force, repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and for other purposes.

Approved, July 2, 1892. Promulgated, July 13, 1892.

Act No. 47. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1892, and ending June 30, 1893, and for the year commencing July 1, 1893, and ending June 30, 1894.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For construction, repairing and maintaining levees or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of other funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1893, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000); for the year ending June 30, 1894, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000).

Salary of Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1893, \$3,600; year ending June 30, 1894, \$3,600.

Salaries of four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars, (\$3,000) each, year ending June 30, 1893, \$12,000; year ending June 30, 1894, \$12,000.

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1893, \$1,800; year ending June 30, 1894, \$1,800.

Salary, Draughtsman, year ending June 30, 1893, \$1,800; year ending June 30, 1894, \$1,800.

Assistant Draughtsman, year ending June 30, 1893, \$1,300; year ending June 30, 1894, \$1,300.

Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1893, \$500; year ending June 30, 1894, \$500.

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1893, \$8,500; year ending June 30, 1894, \$8,500.

FROM PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS.

Salary of Register of State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1893, \$1,500; year ending June 30, 1894, \$1,500.

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1893, \$300; year ending June 30, 1894, \$300.

Postage, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1893, \$200; year ending June 30, 1894, \$200.

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1893, \$1,500; year ending June 30, 1894, \$1,500.

Maps in swamp lands sections of new surveys, year ending June 30, 1893, \$200; year ending June 30, 1894, \$200.

Approved, July 1, 1892. Promulgated, July 10, 1892.

Act No. 51. To amend and re-enact Act No. 86 of 1888, approved July 12, 1888, entitled "An Act to provide for draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the Parish of Iberia," etc.

(Grand Marais, etc). (Twenty-two Sections).

Approved, July 5, 1892. Promulgated, July 14, 1892.

Act No. 53. To appropriate, out of any moneys in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500), to pay Thomas O'Malley for tools, implements, lumber, material furnished and work done on levees in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, in the year 1882.

Approved, July 5, 1892. Promulgated, July 15, 1892.

Act No. 62. To amend Section 2 of Act No. 5 of the Acts of 1892, entitled "An Act to prohibit the placing of rice flumes, dahls, pipes or other foreign substances in the public levees of the State for purposes of irrigation or otherwise, to require the removal by police juries or Levee Boards of all existing rice

flumes, dahls, pipes or other conduits, and to provide a penalty for violation of this Act." "And to regulate the use of syphons for irrigating and other purposes."

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 63. (House Concurrent Resolution No. 9). Preamble and Resolution. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring the Federal Government through the proper department, to take measures to remove certain shoals, dredge and deepen the channel of the Mermentau River, in Southwest Louisiana, whenever necessary to render the navigation of that river free and unobstructed, and give speedy, direct and safe transit to the commerce of that section, and make an appropriation of money sufficient to carry out the object set forth in this Resolution.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 68. To amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 95 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 8, 1890, entitled "An Act to create a levee district to be known and styled "The Pontchartrain Levee District," etc.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That Section Seven of Act No. 95 of the Acts of 1890 be amended and re-enacted so as to read: "That it shall be the duty of the *State Board of Engineers* to designate one of its members to attend each meeting of said Levee Board, and to report and give his advice to said Board at each meeting, on all matters relating to the construction, repair and preservation of all levees within the said district. That the *State Board of Engineers* shall locate the lines of all levees to be constructed in said district, which, when so located, shall not be changed or altered except by the order of the *State Board of Engineers*. That said *State Board of Engineers* shall furnish estimates and specifications and perform all engineering work required of them by the Levee Board."

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 69. To amend and re-enact Section 36 of Act No. 85 of 1888, entitled an Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted by law from taxation, and by prescribing the methods of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 74. To create the Caddo Levee District of the State of Louisiana, to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern same; to authorize the said Board to levy, assess, and collect a tax or a local assessment or forced contribution; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of an ad valorem tax on all property within the district, the levying and collection of a specific tax on each acre of land in the district, and a certain tax or assessment on each bale of cotton or other product of the soil raised in the said district; authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax upon each mile of railroad within the said district; authorizing the said Board to provide for the fixing of rules and laws for the government of the Levee District; authorizing the issuing of bonds; pledging the revenues of the said district to the payment of said bonds; authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow money bonds, interest, and other moneys to be borrowed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; authorizing and requiring the levying of taxes for the payment of the interest and principal of the same; providing for a sinking fund for the redemption of the bond; authorizing the Board to borrow money for the use of the Board, and authorizing the mortgage or pledge of the property and things of value including the revenues, for the payment of the amount so borrowed; donating to the Levee District certain lands in the district belonging to the State, and prescribing the duties of the *State Board of Engineers* in connection with the district. (Eighteen Sections).

Section 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the *State Board of Engineers* to designate one of their members to attend each meeting of the Levee Board when previously notified of such meeting, and to report and advise the Board as to the location, construction and repairs of all levees necessary for the protection of the district, and are hereby authorized to survey and locate, repair or remove or change any and all levees in the district, and are specially authorized to cause to be closed by levees, dykes or otherwise such outlets, bayous or sloughs, or to open the same as in their judgment may be necessary to carry out the object of this Act, and are solely charged with the responsibility of the location of all levees in the said district. They shall furnish to the Board a detailed report showing the proper location of all levee lines; shall furnish plans and specifications and shall perform all engineering work required by the Board for this district.

The Board may employ a competent engineer to assist the *State Engineers* in the performance of this work, the salary of

said Assistant Engineer to be fixed and paid by the Board, but the location of all levees in the district are to be designated by the State Board of Engineers.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 79. To amend and re-enact Section Six of Act No. 93, approved July 7, 1890, entitled an Act to establish the Orleans Levee District and the Board of Levee Commissioners thereof; to define their powers and duties; to provide a revenue therefor, and to repeal conflicting laws.

Section 6. Duties of Board. Board may employ engineers, legal counsel, assistants, clerks, etc., their compensation; making it the right and duty of the Mayor of New Orleans to commission inspectors and guards. Manner of letting work. The City Engineer to be Consulting Engineer of the Board.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 83. (Concurrent Resolution). The Auditor to warrant on the various district levee funds for a sufficient sum to pay the additional cost of auditing, keeping and paying said accounts of said funds—not to exceed \$3,400 per annum—to be equally distributed between the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices, etc.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 16, 1892.

Act No. 84. Amending and re-enacting Section 86 of "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted by the Constitution from taxation and by prescribing the methods of assessing and collecting the same and of enforcing payment thereof."

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 7, 1892.

Act No. 89. To create the Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same; to authorize the said Board to levy, assess, and collect a tax or local assessment, or forced contribution; authorizing the levy, assessment and collecting of an ad valorem tax on all the property within the district; the levying and collection of a specific tax on each acre of land in the district, and a certain tax or assessment on each bale of cotton or other product of the soil, raised in the said district; authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax upon each mile of railroad within the said district; authorizing the said Board to provide for the fixing of rules, and laws for the government of the Levee District; authorizing the

issuing of bonds; pledging the revenues of the said district to the payment of said bonds, interest, and other moneys, to be borrowed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; authorizing and requiring the levying of taxes for the payment of the interest and principal of the same; providing for a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds; authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow money for the use of the Board, and authorizing the mortgage or pledge of the property and things of value, including the revenues, for the payment of the amount so borrowed; donating to the Levee District certain lands in the district belonging to the State, and prescribing the duties of the *State Board of Engineers* in connection with the Levee District and Board. (Eighteen Sections).

Section 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the *State Board of Engineers* to designate one of their members to attend each meeting of the Levee Board, when previously notified of such meeting, and to report and advise the Board as to the location, construction and repairs of all levees necessary for the protection of the district, and are hereby authorized to survey and locate and repair or remove or change any and all levees in the district, and are especially authorized to cause to be closed by levees, dykes, or otherwise such outlets, bayous or sloughs, or to open the same, as in their judgment may be necessary to carry out the object of this Act, and are solely charged with the responsibility of the location of all levees in the said district. They shall furnish to the Board a detailed report showing the proper location of all levee lines; shall furnish plans and specifications and shall perform all engineering work required by the Board for this district. The Board may employ a competent engineer to assist the *State Engineers* in the performance of this work, the salary of the said Assistant Engineer to be fixed and paid by the Board, but the location of all levees in the district are to be designated by the *State Board of Engineers*.

Approved, July 6, 1892. Promulgated, July 17, 1892.

Act No. 91. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting the Governor to instruct the *Board of State Engineers*, at the earliest possible time, to make a survey of the I. C. R. R. embankment, and to report to him whether in its judgment said embankment prevents the natural outflow of crevasse waters and thus backs up the waters unnaturally upon all the plantations of all the parishes from Iberville to Orleans.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 17, 1892.

Act No. 92. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge the engineer having charge of the dredging in Bayou Lafourche, to use the funds at his command in commencing operations at the mouth of said bayou, or where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, instead of at its head, where it receives water from the Mississippi River.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 19, 1892.

Act No. 94. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure an appropriation sufficient to build proper locks on the Bayou Plaquemine, near its intersection with the Mississippi River, and by means thereof make the Bayou Plaquemine one of the established and regular open ways of the United States.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 19, 1892.

Act No. 96. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the necessity of making an appropriation of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of placing a suitable lock in Bayou Plaquemine.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 19, 1892.

Act No. 98. To provide against the unsafe flooding or irrigation of lands upon the Mississippi River; to regulate the conformation, construction and distance of deposit of all syphons used in conveying water over the public levees for irrigation upon such lands; to prevent the cutting of such levees or the alteration of the same for the insertion of syphons; to compel the removal of all existing syphons otherwise than those provided for in this Act; and to provide penalties for the violations of this Act.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 19, 1892.

Act No. 100. An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 13, Regular Session of 1892, being an Act to repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Third Levee District and to create a new district to be known and styled as "The Lafourche Levee District," etc.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 19, 1892.

Act No. 102. To amend Section One of Act No. 60 of the year 1886, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 83 of the year 1884, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act

No. 73 of the year 1882, entitled an Act relative to the distribution of the funds derived from the taxes levied on all property subject to taxation for the maintenance and repair of levees—"General Engineer Fund."

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 23, 1892.

Act No. 103. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled an Act to amend Sections 1, 9, 13, 15 and 20 of Act No. 59 of the Acts of 1886, entitled an Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District, etc. * * * and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session Acts of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District, as now organized, and all Acts amendatory thereto and all laws inconsistent therewith.

Approved, July 7, 1892. Promulgated, July 23, 1892.

SESSION OF 1894.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Fourteenth Day of May, 1894.

Act No. 9. Making an appropriation of \$20,850.48, out of any unexpended balances to the credit of the General Fund, to be used by the Governor in paying the Fiscal Agents for the money loaned to relieve the sufferers by overflow in 1893. Approved, June 14, 1894. Promulgated, June 15, 1894.

Act No. 10. Fixing the time within which sworn statements to obtain postponement of the payment and collection of taxes on account of overflow or other causes shall be made and filed. Approved, June 14, 1894. Promulgated, June 15, 1894.

Act No. 18. To create a new levee district, to be known and styled the "Buras Levee District"; to define the limits of said district, specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contributions; to provide for appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removals and filling vacancies and salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Buras Levee District"; to make the said Board a body politic, invested with corporate powers and having a corporate seal; to fix the mode, time and place of meeting; to designate a quorum for the transaction of business; to provide for the organization and governing of said Board; to define its duties and

powers and to provide certain prohibitions, to regulate legal proceedings by and against said Board, and to fix its domicile; to require a record of its proceedings to be kept and published; to provide a mode of certifying to the copies of said records, and to establish their admissibility and weight as evidence; to require said Board to provide rules and regulations for the construction and maintenance of levees, and to establish a comprehensive levee system within said district; to prescribe the duties of the State Engineers in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to authorize the levy of a forced contribution or special assessment on cotton, sugar, rice, syrup, molasses, oysters, oranges, and all other esculents produced upon the land subject to taxation under the provisions of this Act; to require the levy of a ten mill tax on all the property subject to taxation, and prescribe the duty of Assessors, Tax Collectors, Auditor and State Treasurer in reference thereto; to authorize the Board under certain circumstances to levy a special assessment or contribution on lands and railroads in said district, and providing for its collection; to grant certain lands for levee purposes, and prescribe the duty of the Auditor in relation thereto; to exempt said lands from taxation until sold by the Board; to authorize the Board to mortgage and sell said lands and apply the proceeds to levee purposes; to authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds; to provide the mode of issuing, securing and paying same, and for enforcing payment in case of default; to authorize the Board to buy, to sell, to make contracts for building, repairing and maintaining levees; to pay for same; to fix the proportion of the General Engineer Fund to be allotted to said district, and prescribe the duty of the *Board of Engineers* in reference thereto; to provide for the care and police of levees, and to authorize the Board to appoint Inspectors and Watchmen, and in certain cases to call out road hands to work on levees; to provide compensation therefor; to provide penalties for neglect of hands to serve; to provide the mode of depositing, keeping and disbursing all funds of the Board; to specify by whom and in what manner warrants shall be drawn against the said funds; to define misappropriation of funds and property of the Board by President, Commissioners or Officer, and provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act in force and repeal all laws in conflict herewith. (Twenty Sections).

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the *Board of State Engineers* to designate one of their members to attend such meetings of the Levee Board and to report to and advise with them as to the location, construction and re-

pairs of all levees of the district; that under instructions from the Levee Board, the *Board of State Engineers* shall locate all levees, furnish estimates and specifications, and perform all engineering work required of them.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board shall be invested with the control of all public levees in the district, with authority to require the *State Engineers* to lay off, furnish estimates, and perform all engineering work necessary to the location, construction and repairs of levees, reserving, however, the right to the parish in which the levees are located also to provide funds, and to construct and repair levees and exercise the powers now confided to them by law.

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Approved, June 22, 1894. Promulgated, June 26, 1894.

(Amended by Act No. 80 of 1898).

(Sec. 10. Amended by Act No. 80 of 1898).

(Sec. 11. Amended by Act No. 205 of 1910).

(Sec. 12. See Act No. 97 of 1898).

(Sec. 19. See Act No. 97 of 1898).

Act No. 19. To amend and re-enact Section 9 of Act No. 13, Regular Session of 1892, being "An Act to repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Third Levee District, and to create a new district to be known and styled "The Lafourche Basin Levee District"; etc. (Section 9 amended to authorize Board to levy a forced contribution on lands and railroads in the district—Proviso relative to pro rata of General Engineer Fund—"That nothing contained in this Act shall deprive this district of its share of General Engineer Fund", etc.—Approved, June 24, 1894. Promulgated, July 6, 1894.

Act No. 25. Authorizing the Orleans Levee Board to pay over to such persons whose property has been expropriated in the Sixth and Seventh Districts of New Orleans, in 1892 and 1894, according to the assessed value thereof, such funds as are remaining on hand out of the collections made under Act No. 41 of 1892. Approved, June 25, 1894. Promulgated, July 7, 1894.

Act No. 36. To require all State and District Boards, State and District Officers, charged with the reception of or disbursement of public funds, to file with the Auditor of Public Accounts, itemized, detailed, semi-annual reports, and all Parish Officers and Parish Boards charged with the reception of or disbursement

of public funds, to file with the Clerk of the District Court, itemized, detailed, semi-annual reports; providing penalties for failure to do so. (Four Sections). Approved, June 28, 1894. Promulgated, July 8, 1894.

(Amended by Act No. 175 of 1904).

Act No. 37. Authorizing and empowering the Police Juries of this State to divide their respective parishes into drainage districts; providing for the appointment of Commissioners to superintend said districts and defining their duties; for the raising of funds by special tax on the immovable property in said districts, and the manner in which said tax shall be levied and collected. Approved, June 28, 1894. Promulgated, July 8, 1894.

(See Act No. 107, of 1888, and No. 83 of 1890).

Act No. 46. Making it a misdemeanor for any person, whether the owner or not, of any horse, mule, hog or sheep, or live stock of any description, impounded under the provisions of Act No. 60 of 1890, entitled an Act making it unlawful for horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, or live stock of any description, to go on the levees, or the space between the base of the levees and the draining ditch, from and during the time that the water is against the levees, and to provide penalties for any violation of this Act, by force, threats or fraud, to release the same from the place wherein impounded, and to provide penalties therefor. Approved, June 30, 1894. Promulgated, July 12, 1894.

Act No. 48. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act No. 44 of the Acts of 1886, approved July 2, 1886, entitled an Act to repeal the law creating the "Fifth Levee District," and to create a new district to be known and styled "Fifth Louisiana Levee District"; to define the limits of said district, etc.

(Sec. 10, as amended authorizes the Board to levy a special assessment or forced contribution not to exceed one dollar per bale on each and every bale of cotton produced in the district upon lands subject to taxation under the provisions of the Act during each of the years 1894, 1895, and 1896—after which year (1896) limited to fifty cents per bale. That portion of Concordia affected by the waters from Bougere Crevasse exempted, etc.) Approved, June 30, 1894. Promulgated, July 12, 1894.

(Amended by Act No. 11, of 1898, and No. 5 of 1902.)

Act No. 51. To make it unlawful for the City of New Orleans, or any corporation or individual to use the New Basin Canal (the property of the State of Louisiana) for drainage purposes, by

cutting canals, ditches or under-ground drains into said canal, and fixing penalties, etc. Approved, July 5, 1894. Promulgated, July 13, 1894.

Act No. 59. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to issue and negotiate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of six per cent. fifty year bonds, to provide for the retirement and cancellation of Four Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$456,000) of the bonds of said Board issued under the provisions of Act No. 95 of 1890, and now outstanding, by exchange therefor of the same amount of the bonds authorized by this Act, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 4, 1894. Promulgated, July 13, 1894.

Act No. 62. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District to build a culvert at the mouth of Mill Bayou in Avoyelles Parish. Approved, July 5, 1894. Promulgated, July 13, 1894.

Act No. 65. To secure the more effective collection of the special assessments and forced contributions authorized to be levied by the Levee Boards of the State, imposing certain duties in connection therewith upon Assessors and Sheriffs; prohibiting the Auditor of the State from auditing for the compensation of said Assessors until said duties are performed; prohibiting the removal of produce liable to special assessment or forced contribution from the limits of the parish or district where raised until such assessment or contribution has been paid, imposing penalties for the violation of this Act upon owners of such produce, and upon railroad companies, and the owners and officers of boats, vessels, and other water craft and on common carriers; providing for the manner and mode of enforcing said penalties; granting a lien and privilege to secure the payment of said assessments and contributions and penalties, and conferring jurisdiction upon the Courts of the parish where such assessments or forced contributions are collectible. Approved, July 6, 1894. Promulgated, July 17, 1894.

Act No. 70. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act No. 59 of the Session of 1886, approved July 3, 1886, entitled An Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District; to define its powers, to prescribe its duties, to authorize it to levy taxes and assessments, to issue bonds and pro-

vide for their payment, principal and interest, by taxation, and the proceeds of the sale of State Lands, and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session Acts of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District, as now organized, and all Acts amendatory thereto and all laws inconsistent with this Act. Section 10, as amended, authorizes issuance of \$150,000.00 ten-twenty (10-20) year six (6) per cent bonds. Approved, July 6, 1894. Promulgated, July 17, 1894.

Act. No. 82. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1894, and ending June 30, 1895, and for the year commencing July 1, 1895, and ending June 30, 1896.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, or so much thereof as the one mill tax for levees may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of other funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1895, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000); for the year ending June 30, 1896, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

Salary, Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1895, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); year ending June 30, 1896, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salaries of four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) each, year ending June 30, 1895, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); year ending June 30, 1896, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1895, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1896, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1895, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1896, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1895, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); year ending June 30, 1896, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300).

Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., for year ending June 30, 1895, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500); year ending June 30, 1896, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen, year ending June 30, 1895, Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500); year ending June 30, 1896, Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500).

Additional Engineers, Chainmen, Axmen, mileage and expenses for additional services that may be required by the various District Levee Boards, year ending June 30, 1895, Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700); year ending June 30, 1896, Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars, (\$9,700).

FROM PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS.

Salary, Register of State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1895, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1896, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1895, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); year ending June 30, 1896, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1895, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1896, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1895, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1896, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Maps in swamp land sections of new surveys, year ending June 30, 1895, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1896, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Binding, transcribing and indexing records, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the revenues of 1894, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Carpentering and furniture, State Land Office, out of revenues of 1895, One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$160).

Approved, July 9, 1894. Promulgated, July 20, 1894.

Act No. 90. To amend and re-enact an Act entitled "An Act to create the Caddo Levee District of the State of Louisiana, etc." numbered 74, of the Session of 1892, and more fully designating what lands shall be subject to taxation for levee purposes under authority of said Act No. 74, approved July 6, 1892. (Amendment consists of adding another Section, No. 19, to Act No. 74 of 1892. Substance of Section is to exempt from taxes levied by

the district, lands lying between Red River and the line of levees located and constructed, from time to time, by the *Board of State Engineers* in accordance with this Act). Approved, July 7, 1894. Promulgated, July 22, 1894.

Act No. 93. To amend and re-enact Act No. 80 of 1890, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 82 of 1888, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact No. 102 of 1882, entitled an Act to amend Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, with reference to corporations for works of public improvements. Approved, July 7, 1894. Promulgated, July 22, 1894.

Act No. 96. To amend and re-enact Section 12 of Act No. 95, approved July 8, 1890, entitled an Act to create a levee district to be known and styled the Pontchartrain Levee District, etc. (Granting certain lands to the Pontchartrain Levee District. Proviso relating to claims of actual settlers). Approved, July 7, 1894. Promulgated, July 22, 1894.

Act No. 104. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create the Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana", numbered 89, of the Session of 1892, approved, July 6, 1892; and more fully designating what lands shall be subject to taxation for levee purposes under authority of said Act No. 89, approved July 6, 1892.

(Substance of amendment is to add another Section No. 19, to Act No. 89 of 1892, exempting from taxes, etc., levied by the Levee Districts, lands lying between Red River and the line of levees located and constructed from time to time by the *Board of State Engineers* in accordance with this Act, etc. Approved, July 7, 1894. Promulgated, July 24, 1894.

Act No. 107. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring an appropriation of \$25,000 to remove obstructions and complete the dredging of Bayou Lafourche, in South Louisiana. Approved, July 7, 1894. Promulgated, July 24, 1894.

Act No. 110. To create a levee district to be known as the "Cat Island Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies, salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board, styled "The Board of Commis-

sioners for the Cat Island Levee District," etc., etc. (Along the same lines as other Levee Districts. However, no action ever taken to raise funds nor to undertake any levee work). Approved, July 11, 1894. Promulgated, July 25, 1894.

Act No. 131. To authorize the Parish of Concordia through its Police Jury, to issue six per cent interest-bearing bonds, to mature in twenty years, to the extent of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars for levee purposes; providing for the mode of executing and issuing said bonds, and for the payment of the principal and interest thereof, and ordering an election to take the sense of the people whether said bonds shall issue and a special tax be levied in conformity with this Act. Approved, July 11, 1894. Promulgated, July 26, 1894.

Act No. 134. Authorizing the Governor of the State, under certain circumstances, to permit the Lessee of the Louisiana State Penitentiary to employ the convicts on farm or plantation work, or other work not specified nor permitted under the existing lease, by authority of Act No. 114 of 1890, "when employment for the convicts cannot be obtained on the public levees of the State", etc. Approved, July 11, 1894. Promulgated, July 26, 1894.

Act No. 143. To authorize the Governor of the State of Louisiana to contract with William Joseph Hardee, Civil Engineer, to furnish the State of Louisiana with Six Hundred (600) Copies of a new and improved Official Map of the State, for the use of the State, and parish officers of the State, and of the public schools of the State; and One Thousand (1,000) Copies of the same, on paper, for the use of the Bureau of Immigration and Agriculture, and to appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred (\$8,800) Dollars from the State Treasury, from any moneys therein not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the same, on the approval of the Governor and receipt of said copies. Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, July 29, 1894.

Act No. 144. To amend and re-enact Sections 2, 4, 7 and 8, and to repeal Sections 10, 12, 13 and 16 of Act 51, of the Acts of 1892, approved July 5, 1892, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 86 of 1888, approved July 12, 1888, entitled an Act to provide for draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the Parish of Iberia, etc. (The Grand Marais). Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, July 31, 1894.

Act No. 151. To provide for the further postponement, upon affidavit, of the taxes of 1892 and 1893, owing to disaster, etc. Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, August 1, 1894.

Act No. 159. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing Congress and urging upon our Senators and Representatives at Washington, to use their influence and utmost endeavors in securing an adequate appropriation for the purpose of improving the navigation of Bayou Macon and Boeuf River, by cleaning out and dredging shoals, and the construction of suitable locks by which deep water may be secured the year around, as far up as the line of the State of Arkansas, thereby affording better drainage and increased facilities for commerce. (An appropriation of \$8,500, deemed sufficient—\$5,000.00 to be used in the improvement of Bayou Macon and \$3,500.00 for the improvement of Boeuf River). Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, August 2, 1894.

Act No. 168. To provide for the sale of sixteenth section lands where the township in which such lands is situated is not habitable, by reason of the land therein being swamp or sea marsh. Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, August 3, 1894.

Act No. 175. An act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 100, Regular Session of 1892—entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 13, Regular Session of 1892, being an Act to repeal all that portion of Act No. 33 of 1879, creating the Third Levee District, and to create a new levee district to be known and styled "The Lafourche Basin Levee District," etc. (Section 1 of this Act again amended by Act No. 59 of 1904.) Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, August 5, 1894.

Act No. 178. To amend and re-enact Section 89 of Act No. 85 of the Acts of 1888, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana, by levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted by the Constitution from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same and of enforcing the payment thereof.

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"2nd. That one mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repairing and maintaining of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund", * * * * *

Approved, July 12, 1894. Promulgated, August 5, 1894.

Act No. 194. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the lease and employment of penitentiary convicts.

1. "No penitentiary convict shall ever be leased or hired to any person or persons, or corporation, private or public, or quasi-

public, or board save as authorized in the next section, provided, that this article shall take effect upon the extinguishment of the lease made pursuant to Act No. 114, approved, July 10, 1890.

2. The General Assembly may authorize the employment, under State supervision, and the proper officers and employees of the State, of convicts, on public roads, or other public works, or on convict farms or manufactories owned or controlled by the State, or by any levee board, or any public levee, under such provisions and restrictions as may be imposed by law."

Law by limitation. Promulgated, August 10, 1894.

SESSION OF 1896.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Eleventh Day of May, 1896.

Act No. 20. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution—recommending to the Board of Commissioners for the "Atchafalaya Basin Levee District", the earnest consideration of the use of "Sewal Dykes" to further protect the bank of the Mississippi River in the Bayou Goula-White Castle Bend, Parish of Iberville, Right Bank, and preserve the existing levees thereon, etc. Approved, July 2, 1896. Promulgated, July 14, 1896.

Act No. 26. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1896, and ending June 30, 1897, and for the year commencing July 1, 1897, and ending June 30, 1898.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, or from sale of swamp land, for year ending June 30, 1897, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000); year ending June 30, 1898, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

Salary, Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1897, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); year ending June 30, 1898, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salaries of four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) each, for year ending June 30, 1897, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); year ending June 30, 1898, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1897, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1898, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1897, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1898, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1897, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); year ending June 30, 1898, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300).

Engineers' materials and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1897, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500); year ending June 30, 1898, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1897, Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500); year ending June 30, 1898, Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500).

Additional Engineers, Chainmen and Axmen, mileage and expenses for additional services that may be required by the various District Levee Boards, for the year ending June 30, 1897, or as much thereof as may be necessary, Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700); year ending June 30, 1898, Nine Thousand Seven Hundred (\$9,700).

FROM LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary, Register of State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1897, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1898, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1897, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); year ending June 30, 1898, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1897, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1898, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1897, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1898, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

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Approved, July 6, 1896. Promulgated, July 16, 1896.

Act No. 37. To authorize and request the Governor of the State of Louisiana to purchase Twelve Hundred (1,200) fully finished mounted copies of Hardee's New and Improved Official Map of Louisiana, for use of the public schools of the State, and to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred (\$1,800) Dollars from the State Treasury, from any moneys therein not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of same, on receipt of said maps. Approved, July 6, 1896. Promulgated, July 16, 1896.

Act No. 39. To provide for the payment of Counsel fees for services rendered by Saunders, Miller, Smith and Hirsch, in the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of William B. Eldridge versus the *Board of State Engineers* and Peter J. Trezevant, Contractor, involving the constitutionality of the levee laws of this state, and appropriating the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars therefor from the General Engineer Fund. Approved, July 6, 1896. Promulgated, July 16, 1896.

Act No. 40. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to make a selection of all unselected or erroneously selected lands inuring to the State under the several Congressional Grants; and to prosecute to a termination all land claims and matters in which the State has any interest now pending before the General Land Office at Washington, and making the necessary appropriation therefor—One Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, etc. Approved, July 6, 1896. Promulgated, July 16, 1896.

Act No. 41. To refund to the purchasers of property, under Act 80 of 1888, the purchase price, when title thereunder is declared a nullity, or where possession of the property cannot be secured by reason of prior possession by another person under valid title, and making an appropriation therefor—Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the revenues of 1896, and former years, etc. Approved, July 6, 1896. Promulgated, July 16, 1896.

Act No. 48. (House Concurrent Resolution) Preamble and Resolution. Authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to ex-

amine the Baptiste Collette Gap, or Outlet, in the Parish of Plaquemines, Mississippi River, left bank, and if in the judgment of the *State Engineers* the proper control of the river is in anywise endangered by this outlet, then the said *Engineers* are authorized to close the same. Approved, July 7, 1896. Promulgated, July 21, 1896.

Act No. 54. To provide for the right to construct tramways, roads, ditches, or canals over the lands of another or others for the use of the land in the rear of and entirely surrounded by the lands of another, where such lands thus enclosed or surrounded do not front upon a public road, railroad, or watercourse, and fixing the compensation in favor of the owner of the land traversed, and providing the method of assessing such compensation—Petition to be presented to Police Jury, and latter to assess value of privilege. Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 21, 1896.

Act No. 57. (House Concurrent Resolution). Memorializing and petitioning the Congress of the United States to cause to be made a topographical and hydrographical survey of Little River, from its mouth to Catahoula Lake, in the Parishes of Grant and Catahoula, for the purpose of establishing a lock or locks to secure slack water navigation during the low water season. Approved, July 8, 1896. Promulgated, July 21, 1896.

Act No. 82. To amend and re-enact Section twelve (12) of Act No. 144 of the Acts of 1888, in regard to the New Basin Canal and Shell Road; and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

(Canal to be kept free from obstructions—building of bridges, etc.—width of clearing—owners of vessels damaged to recover from persons leaving obstructions in Canal—Canal not to be used for drainage purposes). Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 22, 1896.

Act No. 114. To provide for the drainage of the City of New Orleans; to establish the "Drainage Commission of New Orleans"; to provide ways, means and funds for such drainage; to provide for the issue and payment of bonds, and to direct the co-operation of the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District. (Thirteen Sections).

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"Section 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the right and duty of the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District, in the exercise of its obligations under Act 79 of

1892, to co-operate with the Drainage Commission, in executing the plans of said Commission," etc., etc. Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 25, 1896.

Act No. 125. To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act No. 37 of 1894, entitled an Act authorizing and empowering the Police Juries of the State to divide their respective parishes into drainage districts, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to superintend said districts, and defining their duties; for the raising of funds by special tax on the immovable property in said district, and the manner in which said tax shall be levied and collected, "so as to empower Police Juries to expropriate lands for new drains". Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 25, 1896.

Act No. 126. To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act No. 80 of the General Assembly of the year 1888, entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of property bid in for and adjudicated to the State for taxes for the year 1880 and subsequent years," etc., etc. Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 25, 1896.

Act No. 127. To provide for the appointment, by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, of a State Warden of the Penitentiary, to define his duties, to fix his salary \$1,500.00 per annum; and to provide for the payment of the same. Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 25, 1896.

Act No. 133. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring an appropriation of \$20,000.00, to remove obstructions in Bayou Vermillion, in South Louisiana, and to complete the dredging of said Bayou. Approved, July 9, 1896. Promulgated, July 25, 1896.

SESSION OF 1898.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Sixteenth Day of May, 1898.

Act No. 10. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Declaring that it is the sense of the General Assembly that hereafter no Levee Commissioner, or officer, or employee, directly or indirectly should undertake, or become personally interested in any contract for the building or repairing of any levee

work in the State, and that no Levee Board, nor the *Board of State Engineers* should let any contract to such members or officers or employees, directly or indirectly of any Board of Levee Commissioners in this State. Approved, June 16, 1898. Promulgated, June 25, 1898.

Act No. 11. To amend and re-enact Act No. 48 of the Acts of 1894, approved, July 4, 1894, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act No. 44 of the Acts of 1886, approved July 2, 1886, entitled an Act to repeal the law creating the "Fifth Levee District," and to create a new district to be known and styled the "Fifth Louisiana Levee District"; to define the limits of said district, etc., etc. Approved, June 16, 1898. Promulgated, June 25, 1898.

(Amended by Act No. 5 of 1902).

Act No. 14. To carry into effect Article 239 of the Constitution of the State; to authorize the Boards of Commissioners of the Levee Districts of the State to issue bonds in lieu of the bonds which said Levee Districts have heretofore been authorized to issue, and to provide for the retirement of the bonds of said Boards now outstanding; to provide for the payment of the interest and the principal of the bonds authorized by this Act; to levy certain taxes and local contributions in default of a levy by said Boards of Commissioners, and to provide for the assessment and collection of same; to impose, in connection with the purposes of this Act, and the said levy, assessment and collection of taxes and local contributions, certain duties on the said Boards of Commissioners and on the State Treasurer and Auditor, or other officer filling the functions of State Auditor, and to provide for the enforcement thereof by mandamus; to read into said bonds, as part of the contract thereof, an obligation on the part of the State not to repeal or modify to the detriment of said bonds, this Act and certain other Acts of the General Assembly creating the Levee Districts of the State, providing for their Government and authorizing them to levy and collect taxes and local contributions. Approved, June 16, 1898. Promulgated, June 25, 1898.

Act No. 15. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing Congress relative to the construction of a system of locks and dams in the Ouachita River. Approved, June 21, 1898. Promulgated, June 26, 1898.

Act No. 17. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing our Senators and Representatives in Con-

gress to use their best efforts to obtain an appropriation of \$15,000.00 for the special purpose of removing the drift accumulated in Bayou Courtableau from the Atchafalaya River. Approved, June 23, 1898. Promulgated, June 26, 1898.

Act No. 21. To authorize the Police Juries, throughout the State of Louisiana, to drain the public roads of their respective parishes by cutting ditches and canals over and through private property. Approved, June 23, 1898. Promulgated, July 9, 1898.

Act No. 24. To create the Grand Prairie Levee District and Board of Commissioners therefor; to define their powers and duties; to define the duties of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide a revenue therefor by taxation, forced contribution and special assessment; to grant certain lands to said board for levee purposes, and to exempt the same from taxation until sold by said Board; to authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds, and to provide for the payment of the same; to define mis-appropriation of the funds and property of the Board by the Officers thereof, and to provide a penalty therefor; to put this Act into force and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith. (Twenty Sections).

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Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That said Board shall adopt by-laws for their own government and the government of its employees * * * they shall have authority to create a system and to establish a line of back levees for said district.

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Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the *Board of State Engineers* to designate one of their members to attend such meetings of the Levee Board and to report to and advise them as to the location, construction and repairs of all levees in the district; that under instructions from the Levee Board, the *Board of State Engineers* shall locate all levees, furnish estimates and specifications, and perform all engineering work required of them.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board shall be invested with the control of all public levees in the district, with authority to require the *Board of State Engineers* to lay off, furnish estimates and perform all engineering work necessary to the location, construction and repairs of levees, both front and rear, reserving, however, the right to the parish in

which the levees are located, also to provide funds, and to construct and repair levees and exercise the powers now confided to them by law. * * * * *

Approved, July 4, 1898. Promulgated, July 9, 1898.

(Sec. 1. Amended by Act No. 43 of 1900. See also Act No. 16 of 1902.)

(Sec. 4. Amended by Act No. 18 of 1902.)

(Sec. 12. See Act No. 41 of 1900).

Act No. 27. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to have locks constructed in Bayou Lafourche, and that our Senators and Representatives be urged to use their influence to that end. Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 9, 1898.

Act No. 31. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting and urging our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to cause sufficient appropriations to be made for the improvement of Tchefuncta River, Bayou Lacomb, and Bayou Fouca, in the parish of St. Tammany. Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 9, 1898.

Act No. 32. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their utmost endeavors and influence to obtain the necessary legislation to provide for removing and destroying the water hyacinth, more commonly known as water lilies, threatening the navigation in all the smaller streams of not only Louisiana, but in nearly all of the Southern States. Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 19, 1898.

Act No. 46. (Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the appointment of Major William Starling, Civil Engineer, of the State of Mississippi, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Flood, of the State of Missouri. Approved, July 7, 1898. Promulgated, July 20, 1898.

Act No. 48. To amend and re-enact Act No. 51 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1892, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 86 of the General Assembly of 1888, entitled an Act to provide for draining and reclaiming swamp lands in the parish of Iberia, and drain and reclaim certain low,

marshy and wet lands, the Grand Marais and lands contiguous thereto; to appoint a Board of Commissioners, etc., etc. Approved, July 8, 1898. Promulgated, July 21, 1898.

Act No. 55. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1898, and ending June 30, 1899, and for the year commencing July 1, 1899, and ending June 30, 1900.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, or so much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from the sale of swamp land, for the year ending June 30, 1899, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000); year ending June 30, 1900, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

Salary, Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1899, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); year ending June 30, 1900, Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salaries of four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) each, year ending June 30, 1899, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); year ending June 30, 1900, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1899, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1900, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1899, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1900, One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1899, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); year ending June 30, 1900, One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300).

Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1899, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), year ending June 30, 1900, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainman and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1899, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); year ending June 30, 1900, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

Additional Engineers, Chainmen, Axmen, mileage and expenses for additional services that may be required by the various District Levee Boards for the year ending June 30, 1899, or as much thereof as may be necessary, Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200); year ending June 30, 1900, Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200).

FROM LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary, Register State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1899, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1900, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1899, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); year ending June 30, 1900, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1899, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1900, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1899, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1900, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

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Approved, July 8, 1898. Promulgated, July 23, 1898.

Act No. 61. To authorize certain corporations for works of public improvement to borrow money and issue bonds or other obligations therefor; to prescribe the manner of securing the same, and of disposing thereof, and to repeal all laws conflicting herewith.

(Any railroad, plank road, turnpike, canal, elevator, warehouse, drainage, sewerage, subway, land reclamation, *levee building*, water works, electric light, gas light, electric power, water power, telegraph, telephone, or mining corporation, established under the laws of the State, etc.). Approved, July 8, 1898. Promulgated, July 24, 1898.

Act No. 66. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to make a selection of all unselected or erroneously selected lands inuring to the State under the several Congressional Grants; and to prosecute to a termination all landclaims and matters in which the State had any interest now pending before the General Land Office at Washington, and making therefor an appropriation, out

of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary. Approved, July 9, 1898. Promulgated, July 24, 1898.

Act No. 79. Authorizing the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to indemnify the owners of certain property appropriated, damaged or destroyed for levee purposes; to provide funds for that purpose, and to provide for suits against the Orleans Levee Board by the owners of property. Approved, July 11, 1898. Promulgated, July 24, 1898.

Act No. 80. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act 18 of 1894, entitled an Act to create a new Levee District to be known and styled "The Buras Levee District"; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, etc., (authorizing the Board to levy annually a local assessment or forced contribution on certain products, and providing for its collection). Approved, July 11, 1898. Promulgated, July 26, 1898.

Act No. 90. To prohibit the throwing of dead animals into the rivers, bayous and lakes of the State; and providing penalties for any violation of this act. Approved, July 12, 1898. Promulgated, July 26, 1898.

Act No. 97. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Buras Levee District to issue and negotiate Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) of six per cent (6 per cent.) twenty year bonds, without prejudice to the bonds of said Board issued under the provisions of Act No. 18, of the Legislature, approved June 22, 1894, and to provide the means for paying interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. (Nine Sections).

Section 2. Board authorized to negotiate said bonds at a rate of discount not to exceed ten (10) per cent.

(Bond issue authorized under Section 10 of Act No. 18 of 1894, \$10,000.00, six per cent, twenty year).

Approved, July 12, 1898. Promulgated, July 27, 1898.

Act No. 115. To amend and re-enact Section 2743 of the Revised Statutes.

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"Section 2743. The Police Juries shall have power to make all such regulations as they may deem expedient, to-wit:

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"Second. As to the proportion and direction, the making and repairing of the roads, bridges, cause-ways, dikes, *levees*, and other highways".

"Third. Clearing banks of rivers and natural drains, for the clearing of the banks of the Mississippi River and of all other navigable streams and natural drains for the purpose of securing a free passage for boats and other craft, and for logs and timber; and they shall therefore likewise have power to make all such regulations as they may deem expedient and proper to prevent the introduction into and propagation in all such streams and natural drains of Aquatic Plants and all other vegetation which can in any manner impede or obstruct navigation of boats and other water craft, or the towing of logs and timber, as well as the passing from one stream to another (though one or both of such streams be not navigable) of all such Aquatic Plants and vegetation, etc".

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"Thirteenth. To cause to be opened in any town, suburb or other place divided into house lots, or when a point of land on the Mississippi, or other water course shall be divided among several proprietors, such ancient natural drains as have been obstructed by the owners of adjacent lands, and to prescribe the mode to be observed in that respect, etc".

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"Seventeenth. To sue any person for whose account *levees*, roads, etc., may have been made or repaired at the expense of the parish, and to obtain the reimbursement of said amount by privilege on the land subject to said works".

"Eighteenth. To appoint parish syndics and overseers of roads and *levees*, at any regular meeting by a majority of the votes present, and whether a quorum be in attendance or not."

"Nineteenth. To lease to the bidder for the shortest time, not exceeding ten (10) years, any tract of land within the limits of their respective parishes, given by the General Government to the State for the use of schools and upon which a levee shall be necessary, as well as for its own protection as that of the adjoining lands from inundation; the only consideration of said lease to be making and keeping in repair the necessary *levee* by the lessee, for the whole term of his lease". Approved, July 13, 1898. Promulgated, July 28, 1898.

Act No. 116. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

(Five (5) per cent bonds all to become due fifteen years from date of issuance).

Approved, July 13, 1898. Promulgated, July 28, 1898.

Act No. 117. To amend and re-enact Sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 59 of 1886, approved July 3, 1886, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District," etc., * * * * * and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session Acts of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District, etc. * * * * *

(Sections 3 and 4, again amended by Act No. 20 of 1900).

Approved, July 13, 1898. Promulgated, July 28, 1898.

Act No. 131. To prescribe the manner in which special elections shall be held in any parish, municipality, ward or school district in this State, for the purpose of levying special taxes for the support of public schools, and for the purpose of erecting and constructing public buildings, public school houses, bridges, wharves, *levees*, sewerage work and other works of permanent improvement, the title to which shall be in the public, in such parish, municipality, ward or school district, and to carry into effect Article 233 of the Constitution of 1898. Approved, July 13, 1898. Promulgated, July 29, 1898.

Act No. 157. To define and locate the boundary line between the parishes of Acadia and Lafayette. Approved, July 14, 1898. Promulgated, August 3, 1898.

Act No. 170. To provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana, by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made. (Ninety-three Sections).

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Section 90. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1898, and for each subsequent year for the following purposes, to-wit:

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2nd. That one mill tax is levied for the construction, repairing and maintaining of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund.

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Approved, July 14, 1898. Promulgated, August 6, 1898.

Act No. 196. To amend Act No. 62, approved July 6, 1892, being an Act to amend Act No. 5 of the Acts of 1895.

(Penalty for failure to remove rice flumes, etc., when notified by Police Jury or Levee Board).

See Section 1 of Act 136 of 1898—Municipal Corporations divided into three classes, viz: "Cities, towns and villages; those having five thousand inhabitants or more are Cities; those having less than five thousand and more than one thousand inhabitants are towns, and those having less than one thousand and more than two hundred and fifty inhabitants are villages. A Municipal Corporation shall not be created with less than two hundred and fifty inhabitants". Approved, July 14, 1898. Promulgated, August 9, 1898.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1899.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Eighth Day of August, 1899.

Act No. 3. To ratify and confirm all of the proceedings heretofore taken by the Municipal Corporations, throughout the State, to be authorized to incur debt and to issue negotiable bonds therefor and to levy special taxes to pay the principal and interest thereof by virtue of the provisions of Article 281 of the Constitution of 1898, etc., etc. Approved, August 15, 1899. Promulgated, August 23, 1899.

Act No. 5. To carry into effect Article 281 of the Constitution by authorizing Municipal Corporations, Parishes and *Drainage Districts* (the City of New Orleans excepted) for purposes of the works of public improvement set forth in said Article, under certain conditions to submit to the vote of the property tax payers qualify to vote thereon, propositions to incur debts and issue negotiable bonds therefor, etc., etc. Approved, August 18, 1899. Promulgated, August 23, 1899.

SESSION OF 1900.**The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Fourteenth Day of May, 1900.**

Act No. 4. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution, urging our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of a bill introduced by Honorable Robert C. Davey, making an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the destruction of the aquatic plant, known as the water hyacinth, in the streams, bayous, and other waterways of Florida, Louisiana and other South Atlantic and Gulf States, etc., etc. Approved, June 7, 1900. Promulgated, June 10, 1900.

Act No. 6. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge an appropriation by the Congress of the United States sufficient for clearing out and dredging out the Bayou Dugdemonia, from the head of Little River to Gorham's Crossing, in the Parish of Winn. Approved, June 15, 1900. Promulgated, June 17, 1900.

Act No. 9. To authorize the Boards of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin and Lafourche Basin Levee Districts to place locks at the head of Bayou Lafourche; to issue notes, and expropriate land, and exercise all other powers proper or useful, or expedient for that purpose; to impose certain duties upon the Treasurer of the State; and provide for the surrender of said locks to the United States Government. Approved, June 15, 1900. Promulgated, June 17, 1900.

Act No. 12. To authorize the Police Juries of the several parishes of the State, the parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective parishes into drainage districts, etc. Approved, June 27, 1900. Promulgated, July 14, 1900.

(Amended by Act No. 159 of 1902).

Act No. 20. To amend and re-enact Act No. 117 of 1898, approved July 13, 1898, entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 59 of 1886, approved July 3, 1886, entitled An Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District, etc., * * * and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Session Acts of 1884, creating the Tensas Basin Levee District, etc.

(Fixes salary of President of Board—Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum, and actual travelling expenses, etc. Also duties and salary of Secretary of the Board—Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) per annum, payable monthly.) Approved, June 28, 1900. Promulgated, July 14, 1900.

Act No. 24. Declaring it a misdemeanor to knowingly and wilfully cut, dig, break down, open, close or dam any canal, ditch, intake, flume or levee, the property of, or in possession of, and used by another, and prescribe punishment for violation of same. Approved, June 28, 1900. Promulgated, July 15, 1900.

Act No. 31. (House Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to remove obstructions from and to dredge Bayous Boeuf and Cocodrie, in Southwest Louisiana, in their course through the parishes of St. Landry, Avoyelles and Rapides. Approved, July 2, 1900. Promulgated, July 15, 1900.

Act No. 41. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District to issue and negotiate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) of six (6) per cent twenty (20) year bonds, without prejudice to the bonds of said Board issued under the provisions of Act 24 of the Legislature, approved July 4, 1898, and to provide the means of paying interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 5, 1900. Promulgated, July 17, 1900.

Act No. 43. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898, entitled An Act to create the Grand Prairie Levee District and the Board of Commissioners thereof, etc. Approved, July 5, 1900. Promulgated, July 17, 1900.

(Amended by Act 16 of 1902).

Act No. 49. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District to issue and negotiate Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of five (5) per cent. fifty year bonds, to be used in giving more thorough drainage and levee protection to the said district, in addition to the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of six (6) per cent bonds issued under the provisions

of Act No. 46 of 1892, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. (Nine Sections).

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Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the proceeds of the sale of these bonds shall be applied to drainage and levee purposes within the limits of said district, of which the proceeds of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of said bonds shall be used for drainage.

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Approved, July 5, 1900. Promulgated, July 18, 1900.

Act No. 54. Authorizing the investment of the proceeds of the sale of Sixteenth Section School land, not heretofore invested, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith.

(Investment may be in levee bonds yielding not less than four (4) per cent. per annum interest net).

Approved, July 5, 1900. Promulgated, July 18, 1900.

Act No. 56. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, and to build and repair public levees, for the year commencing July 1, 1900 and ending June 30, 1901, and for the year commencing July 1, 1901 and ending June 30, 1902.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or as much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or as may be derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from the sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1901, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000); year ending June 30, 1902, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

Salary, Chief State Engineer, year ending June 30, 1901, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600); year ending June 30, 1902, Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600).

Salary of four Assistant Engineers, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) each, year ending June 30, 1901, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); year ending June 30, 1902, Twelve Thousand Dollars, (\$12,000).

Salary, Secretary, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1901, Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1902, Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1901, Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800); year ending June 30, 1902, Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Salary, Assistant Draughtsman, Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1901, Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300); year ending June 30, 1902, Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300).

Engineers' materials and repairing instruments, for postage, telegraphing, stationery, etc., year ending June 30, 1901, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500); year ending June 30, 1902, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Mileage and expenses for chainmen and axmen for Board of State Engineers, year ending June 30, 1901, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary; year ending June 30, 1902, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or etc.

Additional Engineers, chainmen, axmen, mileage and expenses for additional services that may be required by the various District Levee Boards, year ending June 30, 1901, Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200), or as much thereof as may be necessary; year ending June 30, 1902, Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200), or etc.

FROM LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary of Register State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1901, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1902, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1901, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1902, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Salary of messenger and porter, State Land Office, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); year ending June 30, 1902, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, etc., State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1901, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); year ending June 30, 1902, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

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Approved, July 7, 1900. Promulgated, July 18, 1900.

Act No. 67. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act making an appropriation of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the deepening and widening of the channel of the Bayou Grosse Tete, etc. Approved, July 6, 1900. Promulgated, July 19, 1900.

Act No. 70. To carry into effect Article 196 of the Constitution of 1898, by providing for the creation and organization of a Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, and to define its powers and duties; to provide for the purchase or lease of lands, the erection of buildings, etc., the management, the control, and the employment of convicts on State Farms, Levees, Roads and other Public Works; and in manufactories and reformatories; and to provide a fund for the same, and making appropriations for these objects. (Nineteen Sections).

Approved, July 6, 1900. Promulgated, July 19, 1900.

(Sec. 4. Amended by Act 168 of 1902).

(Sec. 10. Amended by Act 168 of 1902).

(Sec. 12. Amended by Act 168 of 1902).

(Sec. 17. Amended by Act 161 of 1902).

Act No. 95. To amend and re-enact Section 11 of Act No. 95 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, approved July 8, 1890, entitled an Act to create a Levee District to be known and styled "The Pontchartrain Levee District", etc.

Sec. 11. Relative to special assessments or forced contributions. Approved, July 10, 1900. Promulgated, July 20, 1900.

Act No. 104. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act making an appropriation of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the widening and deepening of the Bayou Terrebonne from its mouth to the town of Houma. Approved, July 10, 1900. Promulgated, July 21, 1900.

Act No. 107. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Appointing, in consequence of general complaints in regard to the management of the Bayou St. John and Carondelet Canal, a Legislative Committee to investigate said management, and report, etc. Approved, July 10, 1900. Promulgated, July 21, 1900.

Act No. 114. To authorize any Municipal Corporation, parishes or drainage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, to incur debt; to issue negotiable bonds therefor; to levy special taxes and to provide the manner in which special elections shall be held in such parish, municipality, or drainage district of this State for the purpose of incurring debt, issuing negotiable bonds therefor, and levying special taxes for paving and improving streets, roads, alleys, purchasing or constructing a system of water works, sewerage, *drainage*, lights, public parks and build-

ings, bridges and other works of public improvement, the title to which shall vest in the municipal corporation, parish or drainage district, and to carry into effect Article 281 of the Constitution of 1898, and to repeal all laws contrary to or in conflict therewith. Approved, July 11, 1900. Promulgated, July 21, 1900.

Act No. 134. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to open up inland connection between Vermillion Bay and Grand Lake, by dredging Schooner Bayou to White Lake, and Bayou Collicon to Grand Lake, so as to obtain a navigable stream sixty feet wide and six feet deep. Approved, July 11, 1900. Promulgated, July 22, 1900.

Act No. 136. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act appropriating Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the cleaning of Bayou Vermillion, and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the dredging and drainage of Bayou Tigre, in the parish of Vermillion. Approved, July 11, 1900. Promulgated, July 24, 1900.

Act No. 138. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to have discontinued the "Reprehensible practice" of deadening trees by the U. S. Government on the banks of Bayou Bartholomew, Ouachita River and Boeuf River, in the parish of Morehouse, La. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 24, 1900.

Act No. 140. To amend and re-enact Act 79 of 1892, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 6 of Act 92, approved July 7, 1890, entitled An Act to establish the Orleans Levee District and the Board of Commissioners thereof; to define their powers and duties; to provide a revenue therefor, and to repeal conflicting laws. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 24, 1900.

Act No. 142. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Caddo Levee District of the State of Louisiana to issue and negotiate bonds, not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars additional to the issue authorized by Section Ten of Act No. 74 of 1892 (Forty-fifth 40-50) year, five (5) per cent bonds. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 24, 1900.

Act No. 145. To amend and re-enact Section "four" of Act No. 93 of 1890, approved July 7, 1890, creating the Orleans Levee District and a Board of Levee Commissioners thereof, and defining their powers and duties; providing a revenue therefor, and repealing conflicting laws. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 24, 1900.

Act No. 152. To forbid the construction of any piling, wharf, breakwater, pier, or other work or obstruction in the New Basin Canal or Lake Pontchartrain, tending to hinder or impede navigation at the mouth of said Canal, and providing penalties for any violation of this Act. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 25, 1900.

Act No. 160. To amend and re-enact Sections 1 and 9 of Act 74 of the Session of 1892, approved July 6, 1892, entitled An Act to create the Caddo Levee District of Louisiana, etc., and more fully designating the territorial boundary of said district, and what lands the State of Louisiana, gives, grants and conveys, to the Board of Commissioners for said Levee District. Approved, July 12, 1900. Promulgated, July 25, 1900.

SESSION OF 1902.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Twelfth Day of May, 1902.

Act No. 5. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act No. 44 of 1886, approved, July 2, 1886, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 48 of the Acts of 1894, approved July 4, 1894, and Act No. 11 of the Acts of 1898, approved June 6, 1898.

(Fifth Louisiana Levee District authorized to levy forced contribution on cotton—not to exceed one dollar per bale). Approved, June 2, 1902. Promulgated, June 7, 1902.

Act No. 6. To amend and re-enact Section 9 of Act No. 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of the year 1886, approved July 2, 1886, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 4 of the General Assembly of the year 1892, approved June 8, 1892. (Fifth Louisiana Levee District authorized to levy annually a local assessment or forced contribution of five (5) cents on each and every acre of land, and one hundred dollars per mile on each and every railroad of standard gauge, or of gauge greater than standard gauge, and twenty dollars per

mile on each and every railroad of less than standard gauge, within the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, provided, etc.) Approved, June 2, 1902. Promulgated, June 12, 1902.

Act No. 7. To create the Plaquemines Parish East Bank Levee District, and the Board of Commissioners therefor; to define its powers and duties; to prescribe the duties of the *State Engineers* in relation to said Board; to provide by taxation a revenue therefor, forced contribution and special assessment; to authorize the said Board to submit to a vote of the people of the District the necessity of increasing the rate of taxation as provided for by Article 239 of the Constitution of 1898, and to carry such vote into effect; to authorize the Board to issue and to define misappropriation of the funds and property of the Board by the officers thereof, and to provide a penalty therefor; negotiate its bonds and to provide for the payment of the same; to put this Act into force and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, except that this Act shall not repeal, or in anywise affect the provisions of Act 14 of 1892, approved June 21, 1892, and Act 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898. (Lake Borgne Levee District and Grand Prairie Levee District). (Twenty Sections).

Sec. 1. Defining limits of District, amended by Act 11 of 1902.

Sec. 4. Duties and powers of Board, amended by Act 116 of 1902.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., that it shall be the duty of the *Board of State Engineers* to designate one of its members to attend such meetings of the Levee Board, and to report and advise it as to location, construction and repair of all the Gulf Coast Levees in the said District; that *under instructions* from said Levee Board the *Board of State Engineers* shall locate all levees, furnish estimates and specifications and perform all engineering work required of them.

Sec. 9. Makes it lawful for the Board of Commissioners for the Plaquemines Parish East Bank Levee District to, under certain conditions and circumstances, levy annually a district levee tax of not to exceed fifty (50) mills on the dollar, etc. Approved, June 2, 1902. Promulgated, June 12, 1902.

Act No. 14. (House Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their utmost endeavors to effect the early completion of the Locks at Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, and Ouachita River, La. Approved, June 11, 1902. Promulgated, June 18, 1902.

Act No. 16. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 43 of 1900, approved July 5, 1900, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898, entitled an Act to create the Grand Prairie Levee District and the Board of Commissioners therefor, etc., etc.

Sec. 1. Defines the limits of the Grand Prairie Levee District. Approved, June 16, 1902. Promulgated, June 18, 1902.

Act No. 18. To amend and re-enact Sections 4, 5, and 6 of Act 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898, entitled an Act to create the Grand Prairie Levee District and the Board of Commissioners therefor, etc.

Sec. 4. Rules and regulations to be adopted by Board of Commissioners. Bids to be advertised for. Authority to appoint inspectors and employ guards.

Sec. 5. Duty of *Board of State Engineers*.

Sec. 6. Control of all levees in District, except Gulf Coast Levees. Vested in Board of Commissioners. Approved, June 16, 1902. Promulgated, June 18, 1902.

Act No. 29. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Authorizing the sale by the Governor of a certain tract of land belonging to the State in the Parish of St. Bernard. (All that tract lying in the rear of the Chalmette Monument Property, in the Parish of St. Bernard, situated partly in T. 12 and partly in T. 13, R. 12 E. etc). Approved, June 18, 1902. Promulgated, July 2, 1902.

Act No. 30. To amend Act No. 100 of 1900, approved July 10, 1900, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 93 of 1894, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 80 of 1890, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 82 of 1888; entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act 102 of 1882, entitled an Act to amend the Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, with reference to Corporations for works of public improvement (includes drainage, sewerage, *land reclamation* and *levee building*). Approved, June 18, 1902. Promulgated, July 2, 1902.

Act No. 35. Authorizing the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to pay the claims for property expropriated, damaged or destroyed in the years 1894 and 1895 for levee purposes, out of the unexpended balance of the fund collected under Act 79 of 1898, and to transfer said fund to the general fund of said Levee Board thereafter. Approved, June 19, 1902. Promulgated, July 5, 1902.

Act No. 41. To cede to the United States the jurisdiction over a portion of the territory known as the "Chalmette Monument Place" in the Parish of St. Bernard, La., etc. Approved, June 19, 1902. Promulgated, July 6, 1902.

Act No. 82. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress to grant to interested individuals and irrigation corporations the right, at their own expense, to construct dams and locks upon the Mermentau River, in the interest of irrigation, at such point or points as may be designated by the U. S. Engineers, and under such plans and specifications as said U. S. Engineers may adopt and prescribe, etc. Approved, July 5, 1902. Promulgated, July 16, 1902.

Act No. 84. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and the Lafourche Basin Levee District to place a temporary dam at the head of Bayou Lafourche, to dredge Bayou Lafourche, construct pumps, syphons and other necessary appurtenances, to build additional dams and locks and to maintain a certain depth of fresh water in said Bayou Lafourche, either by a supply of river water at Donaldsonville, or by lake connections below the lower line of the parish of Assumption, or both, pending the construction of locks at the head of Bayou Lafourche, as is authorized by Act No. 9 of 1900, and as is provided for in an Act of the Fifty-seventh Congress of the United States. Approved, July 5, 1902. Promulgated, July 16, 1902.

Act No. 87. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary for the year commencing July 1, 1902, and ending June 30, 1903, and for the year commencing July 1, 1903 and ending June 30, 1904.

OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

Same as for 1900 and 1902,

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary, Register of State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1903, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500); year ending June 30, 1904, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Clerical force, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1903, Thirty-three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300); year ending June 30, 1904, Thirty-three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300).

Messenger and porter, State Land Office, year ending June 30, 1903, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); year ending June 30, 1904, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

Postage, stationery, typewriting machine, etc., State Land Office year ending June 30, 1903, Three Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$315); year ending June 30, 1904, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).

Repairing and replacing records, maps, etc., and for repairing and purchasing furniture, fixtures, etc., for State Land Office, out of the revenues of 1902, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

For paying costs of getting up proof in support of the swamp character of lands claimed by the State under Congressional grants, already furnished the Department of the Interior, and to pay George H. Lamar, attorney employed to prosecute and look after the State's claims for lands before the Department of the Interior, this sum to be paid upon the approval of the Governor, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000).

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Approved, July 5, 1902. Promulgated, July 17, 1902.

Act No. 90. Requiring Sheriffs of the Parishes comprised within the various Levee Districts of the State to furnish quarterly to the Secretary of the Levee Board of their respective Districts, duplicates of their reports and settlements with the State Auditor, in so far as said reports and settlements deal with levee taxes. Approved, July 5, 1902. Promulgated, July 18, 1902.

Act No. 97. To re-imburse to James M. Smith, Register of the State Land Office, out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,502.50) paid out of his private funds, and liability incurred for extra clerical force, necessary to do the work of the State Land Office since his incumbency and up to July 1, 1902. Approved, July 5, 1902. Promulgated, July 18, 1902.

Act No. 116. To amend and re-enact Section four of Act No. 7 of 1902, entitled an Act to create the Plaquemines Parish East Bank Levee District and the Board of Commissioners therefor, etc. * * * * * to put this Act in force and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, except that this Act shall not repeal or in any way affect the provisions of Act 14 of 1892, approved June

21, 1892, and Act 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898, etc. (Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Grand Prairie Levee District).

Sec. 4. As amended, defines powers and duties of Board to erect, etc., a Gulf Coast Levee System, and regulate ways and means for drainage. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 19, 1902.

Act No. 119. Relative to the Drainage of the Public Roads and Levees in the State.

Sec. 1. Requires Police Juries to drain roads adjacent to public levees.

Sec. 2. Makes it a misdemeanor to interfere with such drainage. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 19, 1902.

Act No. 123. To provide for the survey of all unsurveyed lands belonging and that may hereafter belong to the State of Louisiana. (*Board of State Engineers* to survey all unsurveyed lands belonging to the State, not embraced in any levee district of the State, when directed so to do by the Governor). Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 19, 1902.

Act No. 124. To provide for the classification, survey, entry and sale of islands other than sea marsh islands, and certain other public lands of the State which were formerly the beds of lakes and other bodies of water, not the property of any levee district, nor within the limits of any levee district, etc.; to fix the price of the same and to repeal all conflicting laws. (Eight sections).

Sec. 2. *Board of State Engineers* to make surveys of such lands and prepare maps, when directed so to do by the Governor, etc. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 20, 1902.

Act No. 125. To amend and re-enact Sections 10 and 11 of Act. No. 75 of 1880, entitled an Act to re-adjust the State Land Office; appointment of a Register, etc. * * * * to repeal all conflicting laws as amended and re-enacted by Act 195 of 1898. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 20, 1902.

Act No. 130. To amend and re-enact Sections Three (3), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-six (26), Ninety (90) and Ninety-one (91) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made".

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That Section Ninety (90) of Act No. 170 of 1898, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 90. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1902, and for each subsequent year for the following purposes, to-wit: * * * * *

2nd. That one mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repairing and maintaining levees and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund * * * * *

Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 20, 1902.

Act No. 138. To authorize surveyors acting under the authority of the Acts of Congress to enter upon lands in this State for the purpose of exploring, triangulating, surveying and doing any work necessary to carry out the objects of existing laws and to establish permanent stations and marks, necessary signals and temporary observations; to provide for payment of damages growing out of such action and to make it a misdemeanor for any person to wilfully deface, injure or remove such signal, monument, or other property of the U. S. Survey and to provide a penalty therefor. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 22, 1902.

Act No. 140. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act No. 97 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, approved July 8, 1890, entitled an Act to repeal that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Fourth Levee District, and to create a new district to be known and styled "The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District", etc.

Sec. 10. Authorizes the Atchafalaya Basin District Levee Board to levy a forced contribution on agricultural products. Penalty for evading payment of same. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 22, 1902.

Act No. 145. Entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 5 of the Extra Session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1899, approved August 18, 1899, entitled an Act to carry into effect Article No. 281 of the Constitution authorizing Municipal Corporations, Parishes and *Drainage Districts* (the City of New Orleans excepted) for the purpose of the works of public improvement set forth in said Article, etc. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 22, 1902.

Act No. 154. To amend and re-enact Section One of Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Sections 683, 684, 689, 692 and 698 of the Revised

Statutes of Louisiana with reference to corporations for works of public improvement. Approved, July 8, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 159. Entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1890, entitled "An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective Parishes into Drainage Districts; to fix the limits thereof; to provide for Boards of Commissioners therefor, etc., etc." Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 161. To amend and re-enact Section 17 of Act No. 70 of 1900, entitled "An Act to carry into effect Art. 196 of the Constitution of 1898, by providing for the creation and organization of a Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, and to define its powers and duties; to provide for the purchase or lease of lands, the erection of buildings, etc., the management, the control, and the employment of convicts on State farms, *levees*, roads and other public works; and in manufactories and reformatories; and to provide a fund for the same and making appropriations for these objects", approved July 6, 1900. Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 166. To create the Courtableau Levee District and Board of Commissioners therefor; define its duties and powers; prescribe the duties of the *Board of State Engineers* in relation to said Board; provide a revenue by taxation, forced contribution and special assessment. To authorize the Board to issue and negotiate its bonds and to provide for the payment of same; to grant certain lands to said Board and exempting the same from the payment of taxes while held by said board; and to define misappropriation of the funds and property of the Board by officers thereof. And to provide a penalty therefor. Due notice, etc. Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 168. To amend and re-enact Section 4, Section 10 and Section 12 of Act 70 of 1900, entitled an Act to carry into effect Article 196 of the Constitution of 1898, by providing for the creation and organization of a Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, and to define its powers and duties; to provide for the purchase or lease of lands, the erection of buildings, etc., the management, the control, and the employment of convicts on State Farms, *levees*, roads and other public works; and in manu-

factories and reformatories; and to provide a fund for the same and making appropriations for these objects. Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 171. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and dispose of certain lands belonging to the State in Caddo Parish, at not less than Five Dollars per acre, nor in greater quantities than three hundred and twenty acres to one person, preference being given to actual bona fide settlers; providing for a survey of the lands, the funds arising from said sales to be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Commissioners for the Caddo Levee District, and repealing Acts 74 of 1892 and 100 of 1900, in so far as they affect said lands, (Four Sections).

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Governor to direct the *Board of State Engineers* to make forthwith, and from time to time, as may be necessary, surveys of all of said lands and to subdivide them, etc. Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 23, 1902.

Act No. 174. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 131 of 1898, approved July 13, 1898. (Providing, under certain circumstances and conditions for a special tax "for the support of public schools, and for the purpose of erecting and constructing public buildings, school houses, bridges, wharves, *levees*, sewerage work or other works of permanent public improvement, the title to which shall be in the public, etc.")

Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 24, 1902.

Act No. 175. (House Concurrent Resolution). Memorializing the Congress of the United States to permit individuals and corporations engaged in the irrigation of rice lands in the vicinity of, and tributary to the Vermillion River, and along the tributaries of said stream, at their own expense, and under such regulations as Congress may prescribe, to construct locks and dams at some available point or points on said river which may be selected by the U. S. Engineers.

Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 24, 1902.

Act No. 177. To provide for the sale of internal improvement lands, and swamp indemnity lands and scrip or certificates.

Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 24, 1902.

Act No. 178. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 131 of 1898, approved July 13, 1898, entitled "An Act to prescribe the manner in which special elections shall be held in any parish,

municipality, ward, or school district of the State, for the purpose of levying special taxes for the support of public schools, and for the purpose of erecting and constructing public buildings, public schoolhouses, bridges, wharfs, levees, sewerage work or other works of permanent improvement, the title to which shall be in the public, in such parish, municipality, ward or school district, and to carry into effect Article 233 of the Constitution of 1898.

Approved, July 9, 1902. Promulgated, July 24, 1902.

Act No. 199. To authorize the Auditor to warrant and the Treasurer to pay to the widow of H. Bolivar Thompson, late Assistant State Engineer, the sum of \$250.00 for salary as Assistant State Engineer, for the month of July, 1901.

Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 26, 1902.

Act No. 204. To amend and re-enact Section 691 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, relating to railroads, plank roads, or canals, or the construction of same across highways, private property, and bodies of water.

Approved, July 10, 1902. Promulgated, July 27, 1902.

Act No. 211. To authorize the Boards of Commissioners of Drainage Districts in the several parishes of the State, which do not desire to avail themselves of the provisions of Article 281 of the Constitution of 1898, and the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, carrying into effect the said Article of the Constitution, to levy an annual contribution or acreage tax on the lands situated in such districts and to limit the rate thereof. To legalize and validate all elections held and the debts incurred by said Drainage Districts, under existing laws, and to prohibit the questioning of same. (Contribution or tax not to exceed fifty cents on the acre, etc.)

Approved, July 10, 1902. Promulgated, July 27, 1902.

Act No. 212. (House Concurrent Resolution). Authorizing and instructing the *State Engineer* to make a thorough and complete hydrographic and topographic survey of Bayou Fusilier, commencing at Arnaudville, on Bayou Teche, and extending to its junction with the Vermillion River; thence down said stream as far as Pin Hook Bridge, in the parish of Lafayette, to determine the number of locks and amounts of dredging necessary to make said stream navigable in low water, and to determine the location of said locks. (Expense limited to Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars).

Approved, July 10, 1902. Promulgated, July 27, 1902.

SESSION OF 1904.**The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Ninth Day of May, 1904.**

Act No. 4. To amend and re-enact Section 4 of Act No. 95 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, approved July 8, 1890, entitled an Act "To create a Levee District to be known and styled the Pontchartrain Levee District, and to provide for its government, etc."

Sec. 4. Organization, place of meeting, officers, per diem, salary of President, etc.

Approved, June 10, 1904. Promulgated, June 13, 1904.

Act No. 10. To amend and re-enact Section 4 of Act No. 144 of the Acts of 1888, being an Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other officers for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, to prescribe their duties and to fix their salaries, and to create a Board of Control for the said New Basin Canal and Shell Road and prescribe their powers and duties.

Sec. 4. Governor to appoint Superintendent; bond \$10,000; salary, \$2,400 per annum, payable monthly on own warrant.

Approved, June 17, 1904. Promulgated, June 25, 1904.

Act No. 11. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 7 of 1902, entitled an Act to create the Plaquemine Parish East Bank Levee District, and the Board of Commissioners therefor, etc.

Sec. 1. Defines territory contained within district, etc.

Approved, June 17, 1904. Promulgated, June 25, 1904.

Act No. 14. To close navigation in Choctaw Bayou, in Tensas Parish, Louisiana, above and north of a point known as Shield's Ferry, in Section 10, T. 10, R. 10 E. in the District of lands north of Red River.

Approved, June 17, 1904. Promulgated, June 25, 1904.

Act No. 16. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, providing for the exemption from taxation for a period of ten (10) years from the date of completion of all railroads or parts of railroads constructed subsequent to January 1, 1905.

Approved, June 17, 1904. Promulgated, June 25, 1904.

Act No. 19. To vest the Board of Commissioners for the Buras Levee District with authority to control Red Pass, at the

Jump, in the parish of Plaquemines, and to maintain its closure for the protection of said district from inundation by the high waters of the Mississippi River.

Approved, June 18, 1904. Promulgated, July 4, 1904.

Act No. 20. Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to appropriate the sum of \$125,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary to secure slack-water navigation in Bayou Macon and Boeuf River, etc.

Approved, July 17, 1904. Promulgated, July 4, 1904.

Act No. 21. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing Congress to complete the construction of the locks on Bayou Plaquemine, at the point where the aforesaid bayou departs from the Mississippi River.

Approved, June 18, 1904. Promulgated, July 4, 1904.

Act No. 27. To grant certain lands to the Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District for levee purposes, and to exempt the same from taxation until sold by the said Board.

Approved, June 20, 1904. Promulgated, July 5, 1904.

Act No. 28. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana to issue and negotiate bonds not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars additional to the issue authorized by Section ten (10) of Act No. 89 of 1892.

Approved, June 20, 1904. Promulgated, July 5, 1904.

Act No. 36. To amend and re-enact Section Three (3) of Act No. 84 of the General Assembly of Louisiana of 1902, approved July 5, 1902, specifying width and depth of water to be maintained by the Joint Organization of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and Lafourche Basin Levee District; requiring maintenance of levees, and prohibiting cutting "as if the dam had not been constructed," and except as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 24, 1904. Promulgated, July 8, 1904.

Act No. 42. Granting a right of way and other privileges, over and across the Angola State Penitentiary Farm, to the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company. (Preamble and Seventeen Sections).

Approved, June 25, 1904. Promulgated, July 8, 1904.

Act No. 51. Authorizing the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to anticipate its revenues for

levee work within its territory, and to issue interest bearing certificates of indebtedness for such work, interest not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum.

Approved, June 29, 1904. Promulgated, July 9, 1904.

Act No. 55. To give, grant, bargain, donate, convey and deliver unto the Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District all of the lands not heretofore granted to the said District and lying within the limits of said Levee District, according to the terms and conditions of Section 11 of Act No. 13 of 1892.

Approved, June 29, 1904. Promulgated, July 9, 1904.

Act No. 59. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 175 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1894, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 100, regular session of 1892, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 13, regular session of 1892, being an Act to repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Third Levee District and to create a new district to be known and styled 'the Lafourche Basin Levee District, etc.'"

Sec. 1. Creating the Lafourche Basin Levee District and describing its territory.

Approved, June 29, 1904. Promulgated, July 9, 1904.

Act No. 61. For the protection of all public drainage canals or drainage channels in the State, investing the various Levee and Drainage Districts of the State with the control of all drainage channels within the limits of their districts and for a space of one hundred feet wide each side thereof selected by any Levee or Drainage District and recommended and approved by the *Board of State Engineers*, whether such drainage channels have been improved by the Levee or Drainage District, or have been adopted without improvement as necessary parts or extensions to improved drainage channels; authorizing the said Levee or Drainage Districts to adopt rules and regulations for preserving the efficiency of said drainage channels, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of such rules and regulations; forbidding the obstruction in any manner of such drainage channels, except by the authority and under the direction of said Levee or Drainage Districts; and making any violation of this Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Approved, June 29, 1904. Promulgated, July 9, 1904.

Act No. 63. To amend and re-enact Section No. Four (4) of Act No. 130 of the General Assembly for the Session of 1902, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Sections three (3),

twenty-four (24), twenty-six (26), ninety (90) and ninety-one (91), of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled 'An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made.' "

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2d. That one mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repairing and maintaining of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund.

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Approved, June 29, 1904. Promulgated, July 9, 1904.

Act No. 75. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing and empowering the Governor of the State to execute on behalf of the State of Louisiana, waivers of certain claims to swamp lands, as required by the U. S. Government.

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 12, 1904.

Act No. 79. To create a Levee District to be known as the Mermentau Levee District, with power to construct levees, locks and dams to protect said district from overflow or inflow of fresh or salt water; to define the limits of said district and specify the property subject to taxation, local assessment and contribution; to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, the qualifications, mode of removal and filling vacancies, salaries of Commissioners and Officers; to constitute said Commissioners as a Levee Board styled "The Board of Commissioners for the Mermentau Levee District," etc.

(This district never went into active operation, and was repealed by Act No. 6 of 1906).

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 12, 1904.

Act No. 86. To authorize the Governor of the State of Louisiana to direct the Register of the State Land Office to have surveys and plats made of public unsurveyed lands, including the Caddo Parish Lake Beds, and to pay for survey and platting out of the proceeds of the sale of said lands when made.

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 12, 1904.

Act No. 88. To investigate the Torrens System of Land Registration, to appoint a Commission for that purpose and to provide for a report thereof.

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 12, 1904.

Act No. 97. To change the parish line between Jackson and Lincoln Parishes, by taking territory from Jackson Parish and annexing it to Lincoln Parish, etc. (Nine Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That the parish line between Jackson and Lincoln Parishes be and the same is hereby changed so as to annex to and make part of Lincoln Parish the following described territory now forming part of Jackson Parish, viz: "The north half of Township Seventeen, North; Ranges One and Two, West; provided that two-thirds of the qualified voters of the said parishes of Jackson and Lincoln consent thereto by voting in favor thereof at a special election to be held for that purpose." * *

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 12, 1904.

Act No. 103. To provide for the refunding of the purchase price of "Internal Improvement Land Warrants," where the locations have been rejected by the Federal Government, and to appropriate, out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or as much thereof as might be necessary, for the purpose of paying claims approved under this Act.

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 13, 1904.

Act No. 109. To create the Red River and Bayou des Glaizes Levee and Drainage District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same; to authorize the said Board to levy, assess and collect a tax or local assessment, or forced contribution; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of an ad-valorem tax on all the property within the District; the levying and collecting of a specific tax or assessment on each bale of cotton raised in the said District; authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax upon each mile of railroad within said District; authorizing the said Board to provide for the fixing of rules and laws for the government of the Levee and Drainage District; authorizing the issuing of bonds; pledging the revenues of the said District to the payment of said bonds; interest and other moneys, to be borrowed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; authorizing and requiring the levying of taxes for the payment of the interest and principal of the same; providing for a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds; authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow money for the use of the Board, and authorizing the mortgage or pledge of the property and things of value, including the revenues, for the payment of the amount so borrowed; donating to the Levee and

Drainage District certain lands in the District belonging to the State, and prescribing the duties of the *Board of State Engineers* in connection with the District. (Twenty-one Sections).

Approved, July 4, 1904. Promulgated, July 14, 1904.
(Section 7 amended by Act 238 of 1914).

Act No. 114. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support the public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1904, and ending June 30, 1905, and for the year commencing July 1, 1905, and ending June 30, 1906.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or so much thereof as the one mill tax for levee purposes may produce, or may be derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, and from the sale of swamp lands for the year ending June 30, 1905, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000); year ending June 30, 1906, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000).

Salary of Chief Engineer, etc., (same as for 1900-1902).

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary, Register State Land Office, etc., (same as for 1900-1902), except for postage, stationery, etc., or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the year ending June 30, 1905, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); year ending June 30, 1906, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$250.00).

Approved, July 5, 1904. Promulgated, July 14, 1904.

Act No. 116. To authorize the transfer from the "Land and Levee Fund" to the fund of the Lafourche Basin Levee District, the sum of Five Thousand and Three Dollars and Sixteen Cents, acquired for the sale of certain lands in the parishes of Lafourche and Jefferson, through the Register of the Land Office.

Approved, July 5, 1904. Promulgated, July 14, 1904.

Act No. 124. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States, in the interest of navigation, commerce and the general welfare of the people of the Sabine River Valley to secure an appropriation for survey and improvement of the Sabine River, from its mouth to Logansport, La.

Approved, July 5, 1904. Promulgated, July 14, 1904.

Act No. 156. To authorize the Board of Control of the Louisiana State Penitentiary to sell a portion of the Penitentiary grounds located in the City of Baton Rouge, and to authorize the said Board to use the proceeds of said sale in purchasing machinery, etc., in installing a factory, and in the erecting of buildings, etc., under the Governor's approval.

Approved, July 5, 1904. Promulgated, July 16, 1904.

Act No. 157. To change the parish line between Caldwell and Catahoula Parishes by taking territory from Catahoula Parish and annexing it to Caldwell Parish; to provide for holding a special election on said proposition, and to promulgate the result thereof. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the parish line between Caldwell and Catahoula Parishes be, and the same is hereby changed so as to annex to and make part of Caldwell Parish the following territory now forming part of Catahoula Parish, viz: The south one-half of Township Eleven, North; Ranges Two, Three, Four, Five and all that portion of Range Six lying west of the Ouachita River, etc.

Approved, July 5, 1904. Promulgated, July 16, 1904.

Act No. 170. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing Congress urging the immediate completion of the locks at Bayou Plaquemine, etc., and as soon as this be done to take immediate steps to divorce the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers from the Mississippi River, etc.

Approved, July 6, 1904. Promulgated, July 16, 1904.

Act No. 175. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 36 of 1894, entitled "An Act to require all State and District Boards, State and District Officers, charged with the reception of or disbursement of public funds to file with the Auditor of Public Accounts, itemized, detailed semi-annual reports, and all Parish Officers and Parish Boards, etc.

Approved, July 6, 1904. Promulgated, July 18, 1904.

Act No. 186. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, amending Article 281 so as to authorize Municipal Councils to create one or more sewerage districts within their respective limits.

Approved, July 7, 1904. Promulgated, July 19, 1904.

Act No 193. To amend and re-enact Section two of Act 75 of the General Assembly of the year 1880, entitled "An Act to re-adjust the State Land Office; appointment of a 'Registrar'; to fix his salary; to define the power and prescribe the duties of

the 'Registrar'; to fix the fees for certificates and patents, and the disposition thereof; the price of lands and the disposition of the proceeds; duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General and the Governor; to provide payment of salary and expenses incurred in the State Land Office; to repeal all conflicting laws, by providing for the election by the people of the 'Registrar' of the State Land Office."

Amendment makes office elective instead of appointive, etc.
Approved, July 7, 1904. Promulgated, July 19, 1904.

SESSION OF 1906.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Fourteenth Day of May, 1906.

Act No. 4. To amend and re-enact Section 10 of Act 14, approved June 21, 1892, entitled An Act to repeal all that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the First Levee District, and to create a new district, to be known and styled "The Lake Borgne Basin Levee District," etc.

Section 10. As amended authorizes the levying of special assessments and forced contributions, etc.

Approved, June 16, 1906. Promulgated, June 22, 1906.

Act No. 6. To repeal Act No. 79 of 1904, being an Act to create "Mermontau Levee District," etc.

Approved, June 16, 1906. Promulgated, June 22, 1906.

Act No. 9. To amend and re-enact Section three (3) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana," etc.

Sec. 3. As amended, re-adjusts and fixes the salaries of Tax Assessors of the Parish of Orleans, etc.

Approved, June 21, 1906. Promulgated, June 26, 1906.

Act No. 15. To amend Act No. 196 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, approved July 14, 1898, entitled "An Act to amend Act No. 62, approved July 6, 1892, being an Act to amend Act No. 5 of 1892." Fixes penalties for placing in the levees any rice flume, dahl, pipe or other conduit, etc. Except pipes for sewage in certain localities, under certain conditions, etc.

Approved, June 22, 1906. Promulgated, June 28, 1906.

Act No. 27. To establish and organize the Parish of Beauregard, to fix its boundaries, and to provide for temporary government and administration thereof, in accordance with Article 277 of the Constitution of this State, etc.

Sec. 1. The Parish of Beauregard shall be composed of all the territory in the Parish of Catahoula, comprised within the following boundaries, to-wit: "All that portion of Catahoula Parish lying west of Range four, East, Louisiana meridian; the boundaries of said territory being as follows, to-wit:

"The south line of Caldwell Parish on the north, Range line from East Louisiana meridian on the east; the east lines of Grant and Winn Parishes, on the west and on the south, bounded by Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes, and containing six hundred and fifty square miles, more or less, and eight thousand (8,000) inhabitants." * * * * *

Approved, June 27, 1906. Promulgated, June, 1906.

Act No. 28. To amend and re-enact Section one (1) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation," etc. * *

Sec. 90. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1906, and for each subsequent year for the following purposes, to-wit: * * * * *

2nd. That 17-20 of a mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repair and maintenance of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund.

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Approved, June 28, 1906. Promulgated, June 30, 1906.

Act No. 29. To authorize drainage districts created and organized under the provision of Act No. 37 of 1894, and of other Acts adopted previous to the adoption of the Constitution of 1898, to levy an annual contribution or acreage tax on the lands situated in such districts, and providing for the submission of said levy to the legal voters of such districts.

Approved, June 28, 1906. Promulgated, July 6, 1906.

Act No. 41. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Directing the Atchafalaya Basin and Lafourche Basin Levee Districts to carry out the purposes mentioned in the different Acts relating to the placing of locks at the head of Bayou Lafourche, and to make provision for raising the necessary money for that purpose as provided in said different Acts of the General Assembly: Act No. 27 of 1898, No. 9 of 1900, and No. 84 of 1902.

Approved, June 29, 1906. Promulgated, July 7, 1906.

Act No. 45. To amend and re-enact Section 2 of Act No. 9 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana approved June 20, 1900.

Sec. 2. As amended, sets forth method of providing funds for construction of locks at head of Bayou Lafourche.

Approved, June 29, 1906. Promulgated, July 7, 1906.

Act No. 47. Authorizing the Board of Control of the Louisiana State Penitentiary to donate, grant or sell a right of way and other privileges to any railroad company now constructing, or hereafter constructing in the State desiring to construct its railroad line or lines over any of the property over which the said Board of Control of the Louisiana State Penitentiary exercises jurisdiction and management, and empowering the said Board to use its discretion in granting the same.

Approved, June 29, 1906. Promulgated, July 7, 1906.

Act No. 63. To amend and re-enact Sections two and three of Act No. 130 of 1902, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Sections three, twenty-four, twenty-six, ninety and ninety-one of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled an Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana, etc.

Approved, July 2, 1906. Promulgated, July 7, 1906.

Act No. 66. To amend and re-enact Section 28 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by levying annual taxes upon all property," etc.

Sec. 28. As amended, sets forth method of assessing the property of all corporations except life insurance and banking corporations organized under the laws of the State. Also, method of assessing the property of Life Insurance Companies.

Approved, July 4, 1906. Promulgated, July 9, 1906.

Act No. 71. To protect the natural gas fields of the State; and to provide for closing, capping or plugging wild, uncontrollable or burning natural gas wells in the State, or otherwise preventing the escape and waste of natural gas therefrom by the owners and proprietors thereof after due notice; and providing that in default of the owners or proprietors doing so after such notice, that the Governor, on complaint to him shall direct the *Board of State Engineers* to close, cap or plug same, etc.

Approved, July 4, 1906. Promulgated, July 9, 1906.

Act No. 77. Ratifying Tri-party Agreement entered into between the Governor and Attorney General of the State, the New Orleans Terminal Company and the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company, on the 12th day of November, 1904.

Agreement refers to occupation by the New Orleans Terminal Company with tracks, etc., of a certain triangular portion of the basin of the canal, situated in the southwest corner thereof. Examinations, plans, specifications made by *Board of State Engineers*. (See Biennial Report of the Board of State Engineers for 1904-1906).

Approved, July 4, 1906. Promulgated, July 9, 1906.

Act No. 80. To create the Saline Levee and Drainage District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same; to authorize the Board to levy, assess and collect a tax or local assessment, or forced contribution; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of an ad valorem tax on all property within the district; the levying and collection of a specific tax or assessment on each bale of cotton raised in the said District; authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax on each mile of railroad within the said District; authorizing the said Board to provide for the fixing of rules and laws for the government of the Levee and Drainage District; authorizing the issuing of bonds; pledging the revenues of the said District to the payment of said bonds, interest and other moneys, to be borrowed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; authorizing and requiring the levying of taxes for the payment of the interest and principal of the same; providing for a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds; authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow money, for the use of the Board, and authorizing the mortgage or pledge of the property and things of value, including the revenues, for the payment of the amount so borrowed; donating to the Levee and Drainage District certain lands in the District belonging to the State, and prescribing the duties of the *Board of State Engineers* in connection with the Levee and Drainage District. (Twenty Sections).

Approved, July 5, 1906. Promulgated, July 10, 1906.

(Section 7, referring to local assessment or forced contribution, amended by Act 206 of 1912).

Act No. 85. Declaring that present holders and owners of patents for public lands, issued by the State of Louisiana, their heirs, assignees or transferees, shall be confirmed as applicants for said lands, from the date of the issuance of said patents, where the said patents were not paid for in money, but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip, which were not legally receivable in payment for such patents, and authorizing such present holders and owners, their heirs, assignees or transferees, of said patents to validate and perfect their title to the

lands covered by said patents, or to any part or sub-division of such lands, within one year from the date of passage of this Act, by paying therefor in cash the price of One Dollar and Fifty Cents per acre.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 10, 1906.

Act No 86. Declaring that present holders and owners of certificates of *entry* for public lands, issued by the State of Louisiana, their heirs, assignees or transferees, shall be confirmed as applicants for said lands, etc., etc. (Same as Act No. 85, except designating entry for public lands, instead of patents to public lands).

Approved July 6, 1906. Promulgated, July 10, 1906.

Act No. 92. To authorize and make it lawful for the proprietors and owners of riparian lands on Bayou Lafourche to cut the levees on said bayou in front of said lands in order to drain the rain water from such lands into said bayou; to provide for the regulation of such drainage by the Boards of Commissioners of the Atchafalaya Basin and Lafourche Basin Levee Districts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws inflicting fines, penalties and punishment for such cutting of levees, or otherwise in conflict with this Act, etc.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 12, 1906.

Act No. 95. Entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Sections 1, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of an Act, approved July 8th, 1902, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 5 of the Extra Session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1899, approved July 18, 1899, entitled an Act to carry into effect Article No. 281 of the Constitution, by authorizing municipal corporations, parishes and drainage districts (the City of New Orleans excepted) for the purposes of the works of public improvement set forth in said Article," etc.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 12, 1906.

Act No. 97. Granting the Central Railroad Company of Louisiana a right of way and other privileges through the Hope State Farm in Iberia Parish, with the concurrence of the Governor, and under terms and conditions stipulated.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 12, 1906.

Act No. 103. To require the *Board of State Engineers* to make such preliminary surveys and other surveys and to perform such services as may be required by the Board of Commissioners of any Drainage District in the State of Louisiana, for the construction of ditches, or canals, or other public works necessary

for drainage purposes in any Drainage District in the State, and providing for the defraying by the Drainage Districts, the expenses that may be incurred by said *Board of State Engineers* in the performance of such services.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 12, 1906.

Act No. 108. Prohibiting the diversion or obstruction of the course of natural drainage, unless the water so diverted or impeded is returned to its natural course before it leaves the estate of the person so diverting or impeding the same, without such person unduly retarding the flow of such water; making a violation of this Act a misdemeanor, and providing a penalty therefor.

Approved, July 7, 1906. Promulgated, July 12, 1906.

Act No. 119. To repeal and to remove all penalties and punishments for the cutting of the levees on Bayou Lafourche, and to make it lawful for the proprietors and owners of the riparian lands on said bayou, with the consent and approval of the Board of Levee Commissioners in which the levee may be located, to cut the levees on the front of their lands, provided said cuts be not more than two hundred feet wide at the top of the levee, etc.

Approved, July 9, 1906. Promulgated, July 13, 1906.

Act No. 120. Ratifying an agreement between the Governor of the State and the La. Ry. & Nav. Co., of date October 6, 1904, in which the Governor approved of the action taken by the Board of Control of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, of date August 8, 1904, granting the said La. Ry. & Nav. Co., the right to lay a track on the north bank of the New Basin Canal, and to cross said canal, and to lay side tracks and switches from the said track on the said bank for the interchange of traffic with said canal, and making said grants.

Approved, July 9, 1906. Promulgated, July 13, 1906.

Act No. 129. To amend and re-enact Section eight (8) of Act 144 of 1888 in regard to the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

(Bridge-keepers may, on complaint of the Superintendent to the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, be removed for remissness of duties).

Approved, July 10, 1906. Promulgated, July 14, 1906.

Act No. 131. To provide for the refunding of the purchase price paid for State Land Patents or Certificates, where the locations were made through error. (Four Sections).

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of refunding moneys approved under this Act.

Approved, July 10, 1906. Promulgated, July 14, 1906.

Act No. 135. Entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Section 2 of Act 159 of 1902, relative to the creation of Drainage Districts within the State of Louisiana, and defining the powers, duties and functions of such Drainage Districts and of the Commissioners thereof.

Sec. 2. As amended, sets forth how Commissioners of Drainage Districts shall be appointed.

Approved, July 10, 1906. Promulgated, July 16, 1906.

Act No. 138. To create the North Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same; to authorize the said Board to levy, assess and collect a tax or a local assessment, or forced contribution; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of an ad valorem tax on all the property within the district; the levying and collection of a specific tax on each acre of land in the district, and a certain tax or assessment on each bale of cotton or other product of the soil, raised in said district; authorizing the assessment and collection of a tax upon each mile of railroad within the said district; authorizing the said Board to provide for the fixing of rules and laws for the government of the Levee District; authorizing the issuing of bonds; pledging the revenues of said district to the payment of said bonds, interest, and other moneys to be borrowed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; authorizing and requiring the levying of taxes for the payment of the interest and principal of the same; providing for a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds; authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow money for the use of the Board, and authorizing the mortgage or pledge of the property and things of value, including the revenues, for the payment of the amount so borrowed; donating to the Levee District certain lands in the district belonging to the State, and prescribing the duties of the *Board of State Engineers* in connection with the district. (Eighteen Sections).

Sec. 7. Local assessment or forced contribution authorized; amended by Act No. 229 of 1908.

Sec. 18. Duty of the *Board of State Engineers*; practically same as for other districts. "The Board may employ a competent engineer to assist the *State Engineers*, etc."

Approved, July 10, 1906. Promulgated, July 16, 1906.

Act No. 143. To carry into effect a contract for the Counsel fees and expenses of John Dymond, Jr., and Francis C. Zacharie, Special Associate Counsel of the State of Louisiana, in the boundary suit of the State of Louisiana vs. the State of Mississippi, said contract having been effected with said Counsel by His Excellency, the Governor, and the Attorney General of this State, under the authority of a Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, approved July 4, 1904, and printed as Act No. 111 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1904, the said contract being evidenced by a notarial act executed by the parties June 16, 1905, before Alvin Edward Hebert, a Notary Public for the Parish of Orleans; and to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars, from a fund to be created from the revenues to be collected from the recovered land and water territory, by the State of Louisiana, the Parish of St. Bernard, the Oyster Commission of Louisiana, and the Board of Commissioners for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, etc.

Approved, July 10, 1906. Promulgated, July 16, 1906.

Act No. 160. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1906, and ending June 30, 1907, and for the year commencing July 1, 1907, and ending June 30, 1908.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or so much thereof as may be derived from the seventeen-twentieths of a mill for levee purposes, or may be derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, or from the sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1907, Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$344,000.00); for the year ending June 30, 1908, the same amount (\$344,000.00).

Salary of Chief Engineer, and other expenses of the Board of State Engineers, the same as for 1904 and 1906.

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

For salary of Register of State Land Office, for clerical force, salary of porter, postage, stationery, etc., same as for 1904-1906.

For repairing and replacing records, maps, etc., out of the revenues of 1906, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

For rebinding tract books and other records, out of the revenues of 1906, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

For salary of Commissioner of Forestry, for year ending June 30, 1907, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), for year ending June 30, 1908, Five Hundred Dollars (500.00).

For actual expenses members of the Forestry Commission, for year ending June 30, 1907, Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00); year ending June 30, 1908, Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

For salary of Chief Fire Warden, for year ending June 30, 1907, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); for year ending June 30, 1908, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

For clerical work, stationery, etc., for State Forestry Commission, for year ending June 30, 1907, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); year ending June 30, 1908, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

For prevention and suppression of forest fires, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for year ending June 30, 1907, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); year ending June 30, 1908, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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Approved, July 11, 1906. Promulgated, July 17, 1906.

Act No. 161. To provide for the appointment of a Board of Control to assume the management of Bayou St. John and Carondelet Canal, and to provide for their powers and duties.

Approved, July 11, 1906. Promulgated, July 17, 1906.

Act No. 185. To amend and re-enact Section one of Act No. 124 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 8, 1902, entitled "An Act to provide for the classification, survey, entry and sale of islands, other than sea marsh islands, and certain other public lands of the State, which were formerly the beds of lakes and other bodies of water; to fix the price of same, and to repeal all conflicting laws, and to provide for the giving of preference by the Register of the State Land Office in certain cases to such as may have applied for, and been denied the right to purchase such State lands.

Approved, July 11, 1906. Promulgated, July 19, 1906.

Act No. 189. To authorize the Board of Control of the Louisiana State Penitentiary to sell the ground and buildings now used and occupied as a penitentiary, located in the City of Baton Rouge, and to authorize the said Board to use the proceeds of said sale in the construction of buildings purchase of machinery and other improvements on the State Farms, under the Governor's approval.

Approved, July 11, 1906. Promulgated, July 19, 1906.

Act No. 205. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting the War Department to investigate the causes of complaint against the dam across the Mermentau River, near Grand Cheniere, in the Parish of Cameron, La., and if found true to take the necessary steps to remove said dam.

Approved, July 12, 1906. Promulgated, July 20, 1906.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1907.

No legislation relative to levees, etc.

SESSION OF 1908.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Eleventh Day of May, 1908.

Act No. 13. (House Concurrent Resolution). Memorializing the Hon. Secretary of War to remove the old and obsolete break-waters in Lake Pontchartrain, opposite Milneburg, and to construct a new break-water off the entrance to the New Basin in said Lake Pontchartrain.

Approved, June 9, 1908. Promulgated, June 12, 1908.

Act No. 19. Authorizing the Boards of Commissioners of Drainage Districts to donate to the United States rights-of-way for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining canals for transportation purposes or to facilitate (extend and improve) the public waterways.

Approved, June 15, 1908. Promulgated, June 17, 1908.

Act No. 25. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to issue negotiable bonds to an amount not exceeding Three Million Dollars, which shall be exempt from

taxation; bonds shall bear five (5) per cent per annum interest, payable semi-annually, and the principal thereof shall be payable at any time between July 1, 1929, and July 1, 1959; to provide for the payment of the interest and the principal of said bonds; to authorize and empower the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to annually levy taxes sufficient in amount for the purpose hereof; to give said Board authority to issue bonds in lieu of bonds heretofore authorized and outstanding and to provide for the payment of the outstanding obligations of said Board.

Approved, June 20, 1908. Promulgated, June 26, 1908.

Act No. 32. An Act granting unto, and in favor of the Cypress Island Lafayette Drainage District, the permission to use the State's Canal right-of-way over and across the property formerly belonging to Chas. Olivier Declouzel, situated in St. Martin Parish, near St. Martinsville, and acquired by the State of Louisiana by an Act of donation, dated December 8, 1858, duly recorded, etc.

Approved, June 20, 1908. Promulgated, June 29, 1908.

Act No. 44. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Appointing a Committee of five, three from the House and two from the Senate, to thoroughly investigate the "doings" of the Board of Commissioners of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District regarding the matters set forth, etc., and said Committee to report its findings, etc., to the General Assembly before June 22, 1908, together with such recommendations as it may deem fit and proper.

Approved, June 20, 1908. Promulgated, June 29, 1908.

Act No. 50. To amend and re-enact Act No. 30 of 1902, approved June 18, 1902, entitled an Act to amend Act No. 100 of 1900, approved July 10, 1900, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 93 of 1894, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 80 of 1890, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 82 of 1888, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 102 of 1882, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 125 of 1880, approved April 10, 1880, with reference to corporations for works of public improvement.

Approved, June 22, 1908. Promulgated, June 29, 1908.

Act No. 53. To create the Parish of "Evangeline," and to provide for the organization thereof. (Twelve Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana be and

the same is hereby created out of the western portion of the Parish of St. Landry, to be called and known as the Parish of Evangeline, which said Parish of Evangeline shall be composed of all that territory of the Parish of St. Landry lying west of a line beginning at a point on the line between the Parishes of Acadia and St. Landry, on the township line between ranges two (2) and three (3) East Louisiana Meridian, following said line due north to a point where same intersects Bayou Grand Louis; thence following said bayou to its junction with Bayou Petite Passe; thence running due north to a point on Bayou Cocodrie; thence following said Bayou Cocodrie to a point on the township line between ranges two (2) and three (3) east; thence due north on said township line to a point on the line between the Parishes of Avoyelles and St. Landry. * * * *

Approved, June 22, 1908. Promulgated, June 29, 1908.

Act No. 82. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Asking for an accounting from the Board of Commissioners of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District of the funds received by said Board from the Parishes of St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary, a statement showing how much of said funds were received by said Board since its existence under Act of 1890, and what kind of protection, if any, was ever afforded said parishes by said Board, etc.

Approved, June 30, 1908. Promulgated, July 4, 1908.

Act No. 88. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1908, and ending June 30, 1909, and for the year commencing July 1, 1909, and ending June 30, 1910.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, or so much thereof as may be derived from the State taxes levied for that purpose, or derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund from the sale of swamp lands, for the years ending June 30, 1909 and 1910, each, Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Dollars, (\$344,000.00).

For the Board of State Engineers, salaries, expenses, etc., same as for years ending June 30, 1907 and 1908, respectively.

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary of the Register of the State Land Office, for the years ending June 30, 1909 and 1910, each, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

Clerical force, for the years ending June 30, 1909 and 1910, each, Thirty-three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00).

Postage, stationery, etc., for the year ending June 30, 1909 and 1910, each, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Repairing, rebuilding and replacing maps, records, etc., out of the revenues of 1909 and 1910, each, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Salary of Commissioner of Forestry, for the years ending June 30, 1909 and 1910, each, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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Approved, July 2, 1908. Promulgated, July 4, 1908.

Act No. 104. To amend and re-enact Section 4 of Act No. 144 of the Acts of 1888, being an Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other Officers of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, to prescribe their duties and to fix their salaries, and to create a Board of Control for the said New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and to prescribe their powers and duties, as amended by Act No. 10 of 1904.

Approved, July 1, 1908. Promulgated, July 6, 1908.

Act No. 118. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Postponing, for the period of one year ending December 31, 1909, payment of all taxes levied by the State against lands overflowed during the year 1908, resulting in the destruction of the growing crops, etc., no interest or penalties to be charged.

Approved, July 1, 1908. Promulgated, July 9, 1908.

Act No. 137. To provide for the buoing and marking of the water boundaries between the States of Louisiana and Mississippi from the mouth of Pearl River to the Gulf of Mexico, as fixed by the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States; to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof, and to prohibit the removal or injury or destruction of the marks or buoys, and to provide penalties for the violation of this Act. (Four Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That it is hereby made the duty of the *Chief Engineer* of the *Board of State Engineers* to forthwith run and fix the water boundary between the States of Louisiana and Mis-

Mississippi, from the mouth of Pearl River to the Gulf of Mexico, as fixed by the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in the suit of Louisiana vs. Mississippi, and mark and buoy the same in such manner as to be reasonably permanent, and so as to make the location of the line reasonably plain and apparent to those navigating these waters.

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Approved, July 2, 1908. Promulgated, July 10, 1908.

(See Act No. 85 of 1910, for additional appropriation).

Act No. 144. To establish a Commission for the Conservation of the Natural Resources of the State; to provide for its administration and duties, and repealing all laws in conflict or inconsistent with its provisions. (Preamble and Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a Board of Commissioners to be known as the "Commission on Natural Resources," is hereby created, to be composed of seven members, two of whom shall be ex-officio, the Professor of Horticulture of the State University, and the *Chief Engineer* of the *Board of State Engineers*; the other five to be appointed by the Governor, who shall designate from the members a President and a Secretary.

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Approved, July 2, 1908. Promulgated, July 11, 1908.

Act No. 153. To transfer to the United States Daughters of 1776 and 1812, the proceeds of sale of part of the property known as the "Chalmette Monument Place", so that same may be used for the preservation of the Chalmette Monument. Preamble and Resolution. (\$3,065.41 to be paid said Corporation upon the warrant of the Governor). Approved, July 2, 1908. Promulgated, July 11, 1908.

Act No. 165. To refund out of the Levee and Drainage Fund, to Martin O. LeBleu, Agent and Attorney in fact for the heirs of Jos. L. Ryan, the sum of Six Hundred and Ten Dollars and Thirty-eight Cents (\$610.38) erroneously paid into the State Treasury from lands not properly subject to such entry. Approved, July 2, 1908. Promulgated, July 11, 1908.

Act No. 177. To create, establish and organize the Parish of La Salle; to fix and define its boundaries; to adjust the rights of the Parishes of Catahoula and La Salle, in the public buildings, property and improvements, to fix the liability of the two Parishes of Catahoula and La Salle, for the public debt due by

the present Parish of Catahoula on January 1, 1910; to provide for the submission of this Act to the voters of the Parish of Catahoula, etc. (Nineteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby created out of the Western Portion of the territory of the parish of Catahoula, to be called and known as the Parish of La Salle; that the said parish of La Salle shall be composed of all that territory lying West of the following described line: Commencing at the N. E. Corner of Section twenty-four (24), in township eleven (11) North of Range four (4) East, La. Meridian, and running South on range line between ranges four (4) and five (5) East, to Saline Bayou; the said Parish of La Salle being bounded as follows; The South Line of Caldwell Parish on the North, the said range line four (4) East, La. Meridian on the East, the East Line of Grant and Winn Parishes on the West, and the line of Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes on the South, and containing more than Six Hundred and Twenty-five (625) square miles, and more than Seven Thousand (7,000) inhabitants; leaving the Parish of Catahoula bounded as follows: On the West by said range line four (4) East, La. Meridian, and with the other boundaries as now fixed by law, containing more than Six Hundred and Twenty-five (625) square miles and more than Seven Thousand (7,000) inhabitants. * * * *

Approved, July 3, 1908. Promulgated, July 13, 1908.

Act No. 191. To amend and re-enact Section 11 of Act 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 2, 1886.

Sec. 11, as amended, transfers to the Fifth Louisiana Levee District all lands within the district, forfeited to the State for the non-payment of taxes. Approved, July 6, 1908. Promulgated, July 15, 1908.

Act No. 197. To amend and re-enact Section 15 of Act 70 of 1900, entitled "An Act to carry into effect Article 196 of the Constitution of 1898, by providing for the creation and organization of a Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, and to define its powers and duties; to provide for the purchase or lease of lands, the erection of buildings, etc., the management, the control, and the employment of convicts on State Farms, levees, roads and other public works; and in manufactories and reformatories; and to provide a fund for the same and making appropriations for these objects. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 15, 1908.

Act No. 215. To annul all applications now on file in the office of the Register of the State Land Office for the entry or purchase of public lands from the State to which patent or certificate of entry has not been issued, and regulating the manner and terms on which public lands may hereafter be sold, and prescribing the duties of certain officers regarding the same. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 16, 1908.

Act No. 216. Providing for the recovery by the State of swamp lands, not subject to tidal overflow, illegally and fraudulently entered and sold; for the recovery of the value of timber taken therefrom, of damage thereto or of waste therein; and prescribing the duties of certain officers in relation thereto; and fixing the manner of their compensation. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 16, 1908.

Act No. 222. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Memorializing the Congress of the U. S. to cause to be closed and to erect a dam across Bayou Courtableau on the West Bank of the Atchafalaya River, in the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, for the purpose of enabling the said Levee District to protect by levee and otherwise its arable territory from overflow. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 17, 1908.

(Rescinded—See Act No. 114 of 1910).

Act No. 229. Entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 138 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1906, relative to the creation of the North Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana, and defining the powers, duties and functions of said North Bossier Levee District.

Sec. 7, as amended authorizes the District to levy certain forced contributions, etc. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated July 17, 1908.

Act No. 252. To repeal Act No. 166, an Act entitled an Act "To create the Courtableau Levee District and Board of Commissioners thereof," etc. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 18, 1908.

Act No. 253. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 97 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1890, approved July 8, 1890, An Act entitled "An Act to repeal that portion of Act 33 of 1879, creating the Fourth Levee District, and to create a New District to be known and styled 'The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District', to define the limits of said District, etc".

Sec. 1, as amended, defines the limits of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District so as to embrace the territory formerly constituting the Courtableau Levee District, as therein defined and described. Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 18, 1908.

Act No. 262. To sell to the New Orleans Lake Shore Land Co., its successors and assigns, certain lands belonging to the State, under the waters of Lake Pontchartrain, in the City of New Orleans, adjacent to said Company's riparian lands, on the condition that said lands be reclaimed, fixing the conditions of such reclamation, and providing for the acceptance of this Act. Preamble and two Sections.

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, etc., That the sale shall be made upon the following terms and conditions:

First—That the area included in this sale shall, within three months from the date of the promulgation of this Act, be determined by a survey approved by the *Board of State Engineers*, etc.

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Fourth—The work of reclamation herein provided for shall be begun within two years from January 1, 1909, etc. * * * * * provided that failure to maintain said proportion of work shall effect a complete forfeiture of the rights of said Corporation under this Act, insofar as all unreclaimed lands are concerned, without any claim whatsoever for reimbursement of the purchase price. * * * * *

Approved, July 8, 1908. Promulgated, July 18, 1908.

Act No. 268. Authorizing the Board of Commissioners for the Caddo Levee District to lease or farm out the oil, gas or mineral lands within the limits of said district for a portion of the oil, gas or other mineral produced or mined from such lands, and to dispose of the said products of said lands. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 18, 1908.

Act No. 272. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Members of Congress to present to Congress at its next session and to endeavor to have passed through that body a bill granting to the State of Louisiana the public lands of the United States situated in this State, the proceeds of the sale thereof to be used in the support of the common schools of Louisiana, etc. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 18, 1908.

Act No. 298. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana to issue

and negotiate bonds not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars additional to the issue authorized by Section 10 of Act No. 89 of 1892, and additional to the issue authorized by Act No. 28 of 1904. (Fifty year five (5) per cent. bonds). Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 21, 1908.

Act No. 299. To amend and re-enact Act No. 95 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1906, approved July 7, 1906, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Sections One (1) and Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25) of an Act approved July 8, 1902, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 5 of the Extra Session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1899, approved August 18, 1899, entitled an Act to carry into effect Article 281 of the Constitution by authorizing Municipal Corporations, Parishes and Drainage Districts (the City of New Orleans excepted) for the purposes of the works of public improvements set forth in said Article, under certain conditions, to submit to the vote of the property tax-payers qualified to vote thereon, propositions to incur debts and issue negotiable bonds therefor, etc". Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 21, 1908.

Act No. 300. Proposing an amendment to Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the issuance of bonds for work of public improvement by Municipal Corporations, Parishes and Drainage Districts and assesment of special taxes to pay for same. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 21, 1908.

Act No. 305. Providing for the creation of ^{*}sub-divisions of drainage districts, and for the manner of undertaking, prosecuting and maintaining special drainage works within such sub-divisions, as well as providing for the manner for raising revenues for such works, and for the direction of the affairs of such sub-divisions of drainage districts. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 21, 1908.

Act No. 308. To regulate the practice of Civil Engineering and Surveying; to create a State Board of Engineering Examiners, and regulate the fees and emoluments thereof; to prevent the practice of the said calling or professions by unauthorized persons; to provide for the trial and punishment of violators of the provisions of this Act, by fine or imprisonment; to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with this Act. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 22, 1908.

Act No. 310. An Act making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court, to obstruct any drainage canal or other public or private drainage. The word drainage, as used in this Act, is any drain, natural or artificial, providing that the artificial drain shall have been in use for a period of at least ten years, and shall have served purposes of drainage during said time. Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 22, 1908.

Act No. 311. To amend and re-enact Act No. 20 of 1900, approved June 28, 1900, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 117 of 1898, approved July 13, 1898, entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 59 of 1886, approved July 3, 1886, entitled An Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District, to define their powers, etc." Approved, July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 22, 1908.

Act No. 317. Entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Section 27 of Act 145 of 1902, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 5 of the Extra Session of 1899, approved August 18, 1899, entitled An Act to carry into effect Article 281 of the Constitution, by authorizing Municipal Corporations, Parishes and Drainage Districts (the City of New Orleans excepted) for purposes of the works of public improvement set forth in said Article, under certain conditions, to submit to the vote of the property taxpayers qualified to vote thereon propositions to incur debts and issue negotiable bonds therefor, etc." Approved July 9, 1908. Promulgated, July 22, 1908.

SESSION OF 1910.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Ninth Day of May, 1910.

Act No. 7. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Directing the *Board of State Engineers* to furnish to the Legislature, statistical information regarding the overflowed lands along the Atchafalaya and Red Rivers which in its opinion would be affected by the divorcement of said streams from the Mississippi River, and that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby authorized to, at its request, transmit said information to the Mississippi River Commission. Approved, June 14, 1910. Promulgated, June 15, 1910.

Act No. 8. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon Congress the passage of an Act requiring the Federal Government, through the proper department, to take steps necessary to remove certain shoals, bars, wreckage of dam, etc., from the Mermenteau River, in S. W. Louisiana, from its source to the Gulf of Mexico, and to dredge and deepen said river, etc. Approved, June 15, 1910. Promulgated, June 23, 1910.

Act No. 15. To create the Parish of Evangeline, and to provide for the organization thereof. (Thirteen Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby created out of the Western portion of the Parish of St. Landry, to be called and known as the Parish of Evangeline; which said Parish of Evangeline shall be composed of all that territory of the Parish of St. Landry lying West of a line beginning on "Bayou des Cannes", at a point on dividing line between the Parishes of Acadia and St. Landry, thence up the center of said Bayou to a point where said Bayou is intersected by the section line between Sections twelve (12) and thirteen (13), township six (6) South, Range one (1) West, thence East on a prolongation of said section line through T. 6 S. R. 1 East, and as far as the dividing line between the East half of the West half of T. 6 S. R. 2 East; thence North on said line to where it intersects the township line between townships five (5) and six (6) South, Range 2 East; thence East on said township line to the Southeast corner of township five (5) South, Range two (2) East. Thence North on township line between ranges two (2) and three (3) East, Louisiana Meridian, following said line due North to a point where the same intersects Bayou Grand Louis; thence following said Bayou to its junction with Bayou Petite Passe; thence running due North to a point on Bayou Cocodrie, thence following said Bayou Cocodrie to a point on the township line between ranges two (2) and three (3) East; thence due North on said township line to a point on the line between the Parishes of Avoyelles and St. Landry, and containing more than Six Hundred and Twenty-five (625) square miles and Seven Thousand (7,000) inhabitants, and leaving more than Six Hundred and Twenty-five (625) square miles and Seven Thousand (7,000) inhabitants to the Parish of St. Landry. Approved, June 15, 1910. Promulgated, June 25, 1910.

Act No. 18. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the U. S. to, at the present session of Congress, make such appropriations as may be necessary for the purpose of making preliminary surveys, in the State of Louisiana, to determine the carrying capacity of the navigable streams of the State, with a view of ultimately improving said streams so as to carry off the waters to be drained from the low lands of the State, and so that they may properly perform the very important part which they will have to in consequence of the elaborate drainage plan of the State of Louisiana, etc. Approved, June 17, 1910. Promulgated, June 25, 1910.

Act No. 31. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to sell and convey to the City of Shreveport, the bed of what is known as Cross Lake, in the Parish of Caddo, and fixing the terms and conditions of such sale, reserving to the State of Louisiana all minerals and mineral rights on and under said lands. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 1, 1910.

Act No. 34. To authorize and empower the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to mortgage or bond the Angola Plantation, situated in the Parish of West Feliciana, not to exceed \$200,000.00 at current rates of interest, and to use the proceeds of said mortgage or bond issue for the purpose of erecting a sugar refinery on said plantation. Approved, July 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 1, 1910.

Act No. 35. To authorize and empower the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the Oakley and Monticello and Hope Plantations. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 1, 1910.

Act No. 41. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Plaquemines Parish East Bank Levee District to issue and negotiate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) of six (6) per cent Twenty (20) year bonds, without prejudice to the bonds of said board issued under the provisions of Act No. 7, approved June 2, 1902, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 4, 1910.

Act No. 49. To require the *Board of State Engineers* to assume control of State Highways, under certain conditions; to select or appoint a State Highway Engineer; to define his powers

and duties; to fix his compensation; to authorize the construction and maintenance of highways by contract or by the State Highway Engineer, with the approval of the *Board of State Engineers*; to provide for the working of convicts on highways, under certain regulations; to authorize the acquisition, by expropriation or otherwise, of rights-of-way for highways, drainage canals, or ditches; to provide a revenue for carrying out the objects and purposes of this Act, and to provide for the disbursements thereof; and to require the Parishes, Cities, Towns and Villages to contribute a certain proportion of the costs of the construction and maintenance of highways; defining a State Highway, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 4, 1910.

Act No. 60. To amend and re-enact Sections one, two, three, six, sixteen and nineteen of Act 144 of 1888, entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent and other Officers for the New Basin Canal and Shell Road; to prescribe their duties and fix their salaries; and to create a Board of Control for said New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and to prescribe their powers and duties; and to repeal Sections fourteen and twenty-one of said Act." Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 5, 1910.

Act No. 66. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing and empowering the Governor of the State to release and quit claim to the U. S. Government whatever claim or title the State of Louisiana may have to Section nine (9), Township seven (7), South, Range three (3) East, situated in the Parish of Livingston. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 5, 1910.

Act No. 74. To amend and re-enact Section 14 of Act 95 of 1890, approved July 8, 1890, entitled "An Act to create a Levee District to be known and styled 'The Pontchartrain Levee District;' to provide for its government," etc.

Sec. 14, as amended, provides for a sinking fund to pay the bonds, etc., of the District. Approved, June 29, 1910. Promulgated, July 6, 1910.

Act No. 77. To create, establish, and organize the Parish of Jefferson Davis; to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide a representative therefor and to assign the Parish to a Senatorial, a Judicial and other districts, and to provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the Parish of Jefferson Davis. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new Parish in the State of Louisiana, to be called and known as the Parish of Jefferson Davis, is hereby created out of that portion of the present Parish of Calcasieu comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the Eastern boundary of the present Parish of Calcasieu, at the intersection of Bayou Nezpique with the township line between Township five (5) South, and Township six (6) South, range three (3) West, Louisiana Meridian; thence West on and along said township line to the Northwest corner of Section two (2) in Township six (6) South, Range four (4) West, Louisiana Meridian; thence South on the prolongation of the section line between Sections two (2) and three (3) in said Township six (6) South, Range four (4) West, Louisiana Meridian, to the Southwest corner of Section fourteen (14), in Township seven (7) South, Range four (4) West, Louisiana Meridian; thence West on the prolongation of the section line between sections fifteen (15) and twenty-two (22), in Township seven (7) South, Range four (4) West, Louisiana Meridian, to the Southwest corner of Section sixteen (16), in Township seven (7) South, range six (6) West, Louisiana Meridian; thence South on the prolongation of the section line between Sections twenty (20) and twenty-one (21), in Township seven (7) South, Range six (6) West, Louisiana Meridian, to the Southwest corner of Section thirty-three (33), in Township eleven (11) South, Range six (6) West, Louisiana Meridian, being a point on the South boundary line of the present Parish of Calcasieu; thence East on and along the South boundary line of the present Parish of Calcasieu, to the East boundary line thereof, being Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River; thence North along the Mermentau River, being the East boundary line of said Parish, to the point of beginning.

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Approved, June 28, 1910. Promulgated, July 6, 1910.

Act No. 78. To create, establish and organize the Parish of Beauregard, to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide a representative therefor, and to assign the Parish to Senatorial Judicial and other districts; and provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the said Parish of Beauregard. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new Parish in the State of Louisiana, to be called and known as the Parish of Beauregard, is hereby created

out of that portion of the Parish of Calcasieu, comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the Sabine River on the West boundary of the present Parish of Calcasieu, on the line between township six south, range thirteen West and township seven South, range thirteen West, Louisiana Meridian; thence in an Easterly direction on the line between townships six and seven South, range thirteen West, twelve West, eleven West, ten West, nine West, and eight West, to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-six in township six South, range eight West; thence North on the township line between townships six South, range eight West, six South, range seven West and township five South, range eight West and five South, range seven West to the Southwest corner of Section thirty-one in township four South, range seven West; thence East along the township line between township four South, range seven West and township five South, range seven West, to the Southwest corner of Section thirty-three in township four South, Range seven West; thence North on the prolongation of section lines between Sections thirty-two and thirty-three in township four South, range six West, three South, range six West and two South, range six West to the North boundary of the present Parish of Calcasieu; thence along the present North and West boundary lines of the present Parish of Calcasieu to point of commencement.

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Approved, June 28, 1910. Promulgated, July 6, 1910.

Act No. 79. To create, establish and organize the Parish of Allen; to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide a representative therefor, and to assign the Parish to a Senatorial, Judicial and other districts, and to provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the said Parish of Allen. (Seven Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana, to be called and known as the Parish of Allen, is hereby created out of that portion of the present Parish of Calcasieu comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the East boundary of the present Parish of Calcasieu, at the intersection of Bayou Nezpique with township line between Township five South Range three West and Township six South, range three West, Louisiana Meridian; thence West on and along said Township line to the Northwest corner of Section two, in Township six South, range four West, Louisiana Meri-

dian; thence South on the prolongation of the section line between Sections two and three in said township six South, range four West, Louisiana Meridian, to the Southwest corner of Section fourteen in Township seven South, range four West, Louisiana Meridian; thence West on the prolongation of the Section line between Sections fifteen and twenty-two in township seven South, Range four West, Louisiana Meridian, to the Southwest corner of Section sixteen in township seven South, range six West, Louisiana Meridian; thence North between Sections sixteen and seventeen to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-two in township six South, range six West, Louisiana Meridian; thence West on prolongation of township line between township six South, range seven West and township seven South, range seven West to the Southwest corner of Section thirty-one in township six South, range seven West; thence North along township line between township six South, range seven West and township six South, range eight West and township five South, range eight West and township five South, range seven West to the Southwest corner of Section thirty-one in township four South, range seven West; thence West along township line between townships four South, range seven West and five South, range seven West to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-two in township four South range six West; thence North on prolongation of section line between Sections thirty-two and thirty-three in township four South, range six West, township three South, range six West and township two South, range six West, North to boundary of the present Parish of Calcasieu; thence East along present North boundary line of the present Parish of Calcasieu to the West boundary of the Parish of St. Landry; thence South along said boundary line of the Parish of St. Landry to point of commencement.

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Approved, June 28, 1910. Promulgated, July 6, 1910.

Act No. 80. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt; and to support the public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1910 and ending June 30, 1911, and for the year commencing July 1, 1911 and ending June 30, 1912.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or so much thereof, or any excess thereof, as may be derived from the State taxes for that purpose, or derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund from the sale of swamp lands, for the year ending June 30, 1911, Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$344,000); for year ending June 30, 1912, Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$344,000).

For salaries of Chief Engineer and four Assistant Engineers, etc., and for general expenses of the Board of State Engineers, same as for 1906 and 1908.

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

For salaries, etc., Register State Land Office, clerical force, postage, stationery, etc., same as for 1908.

For traveling and incidental expenses of Register of State Land Office for years ending June 30, 1911 and 1912, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) each.

Repairing, rebinding and replacing maps, records, etc., out of the revenues of the years 1911 and 1912, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) each.

Salary of Commissioner of Forestry, for the years ending June 30, 1911 and 1912, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) each.

Salaries and maintenance of the Surveyor General's Office, now a part of the State Land Office, provided same be necessary for the years ending June 30, 1911 and 1912, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) each.

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Approved, July 1, 1910. Promulgated, July 7, 1910.

Act No. 85. Preamble and Resolution. Appropriating the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-five and 48-100 (\$4,575.48) Dollars out of such funds as are now, or may hereafter be, in the State Treasury to the credit of the Oyster Commission of Louisiana, to pay outstanding obligations incurred in connection with the marking and buoying of the water boundary between the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, from the mouth of Pearl River to the Gulf of Mexico, the appropriation to be paid out on the warrant of the *Chief Engineer* of the *Board of State Engineers*, countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Oyster Commission of Louisiana, etc. Approved, July 1, 1910. Promulgated, July 7, 1910.

Act No. 113. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Opposing the separation of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers from the Mississippi River, "until the navigation of the rivers involved shall have been safely and satisfactorily provided for". Approved, July 5, 1910. Promulgated, July 8, 1910.

Act No. 114. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Rescinding Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 of 1908, and memorializing the Congress of the United States to defer the approval of any extension of the levee line on the West Bank of the Atchafalaya River, involving the closure of Bayou Courtableau, until such time as a public hearing on the subject to all in interest may be had. Approved, July 5, 1910. Promulgated, July 8, 1910.

Act No. 124. To amend Act No. 161 of 1906, entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Control to assume the management of Bayou St. John and the Carondelet Canal, and to provide for their powers and duties." Approved, July 5, 1910. Promulgated, July 9, 1910.

Act No. 126. Fixing the salaries of the *Chief and Assistant Engineers* of the *Board of State Engineers* and provide how much salary shall be paid. (Chief Engineer, Five Thousand Dollars per annum (\$5,000), and four Assistant Engineers, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) each, from and after August 10, 1910.) Approved, July 5, 1910. Promulgated, July 9, 1910.

Act No. 141. To amend and re-enact Sections 1 and 19 of Act No. 59 of 1886, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 77 of 1888, entitled an Act to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District; to define its powers, etc. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 11, 1910.

Act No. 155. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of 1892, approved July 7, 1892, entitled "An Act to provide against the unsafe flooding or irrigation of lands upon the Mississippi River; to regulate the conformation, construction and distance of deposit of all siphons used in conveying water over the public levees for irrigation upon such lands; to prevent the cutting of such levees or the alteration of the same for the insertion of siphons; to compel the removal of all existing siphons otherwise than those provided for in this Act, and to provide penalties for the violations of this Act".

Sec. 1, as amended, prohibits the flooding of lands for irrigation or other purposes within 150 feet of the base of any levee, etc. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 13, 1910.

Act No. 157. To amend and re-enact Act No. 204 of the General Assembly of the year 1902, being an Act to amend and re-enact Section 691 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, relating to railroads, tramroads, dirt or plank roads, or *canals*, and construction of same across highways, private property and bodies of water. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 13, 1910.

Act No. 168. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Caddo Levee District of Louisiana to invest its surplus funds in securities of the State of Louisiana or any of the public corporations thereof, bearing rate of interest at not less than four per cent. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 13, 1910.

Act No. 184. To donate and transfer to the Atchafalaya Bay Ship Channel Co., all the right, title and interest of the State of Louisiana to a portion of Point Au Fer Shell Reef, and to confirm and ratify the title thereto of the said Atchafalaya Bay Ship Channel Co., etc. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 14, 1910.

Act No. 188. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to levy a forced contribution or special assessment on rice, corn, oats and hay, produced upon the land embraced within the territorial limits of the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, for the purpose of raising additional funds to locate, construct and repair levees, so as to prevent disastrous floods. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 15, 1910.

Act No. 197. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the issuance of bonds for works of public improvement, by Municipal Corporations, Parishes and Schools, Drainage and Sewerage Districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, and the assessment of special taxes to pay for same. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 16, 1910.

Act No. 204. To authorize the Police Jury of the Parish of West Baton Rouge to levy and collect in the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, in addition to the eight mills tax authorized by Act No. 64 of 1906, a tax of two mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of all property in said Parish liable to taxation, to be applied exclusively to the opening, widening and deepening of Bayou Choctaw and completing the *drainage system* of said Parish. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 16, 1910.

Act No. 205. To amend Section 11 of Act No. 18, approved June 22, 1894, entitled an Act to create a new Levee District to be known and styled as the Buras Levee District; to define the limits of said District, etc.

Sec. 11, as amended, provides for the transfer to the Buras Levee District of all lands now belonging and that may hereafter belong to the State of Louisiana embraced within the limits of said district, etc. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 16, 1910.

Act No. 221. To give, grant, donate, deliver and set over unto the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District all vacant State lands not heretofore granted, within the limits of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, comprising such lands within the former Courtableau Levee District within the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin. Approved, July 6, 1910. Promulgated, July 21, 1910.

Act No. 247. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 85, approved July 7, 1906 for perfecting and validating patents issued by the State of Louisiana which were not paid for in money, but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such patents, etc.

(Time extended for one year from and after the day of the passage of this Act, etc).

Approved July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 21, 1910.

Act No. 248. To amend and re-enact Sections seven (7) and eight (8) of Act No. 89 of 1892, approved July 6, 1892, entitled an Act to create the Bossier Levee District of the State of Louisiana, and to provide for the appointment of Commissioners, etc.

Sec. 7, as amended, relates to the authority of the district to levy an acreage tax for levee purposes.

Sec. 8, as amended, relates to the authority of the district to levy a forced contribution on agricultural products, and an assessment on horses and mules. Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 21, 1910.

Act No. 258. Declaring the waters and beds found in the bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, rivers and navigable streams of the State to be the property of the State, etc. Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 23, 1910.

Act No. 269. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 86 of 1906, approved July 6, 1906, for perfecting and validating certificates of entry issued by the State of Louisiana which were not paid for in money, etc.

(Time extended for one year from and after the day of the passage of this Act, etc). Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 23, 1910.

Act No. 280. Vesting the charge, control and disposition of all property that may hereafter be in, for and adjudicated to the State for unpaid taxes, in the Register of the State Land Office, requiring him to keep all books necessary to provide and preserve all and ample data and record of the acquisition by the State of said property and cancellations thereof, and of the redemption and sales of said property; authorizing him to require of the *Board of State Engineers* any and all plats, field notes, and surveys thereof, as he may deem necessary and proper, and repealing all laws and parts of laws contrary to or inconsistent with this Act. Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 23, 1910.

Act No. 283. To amend and re-enact Sections one and two of Act 71 of 1906, entitled "An Act to protect the Natural Gas Fields of the State, etc." * * * * * (Under certain circumstances and conditions, the Governor * * * * * shall direct the *Board of State Engineers* to take charge of the work of closing wild or uncontrollable or wastefully burning natural gas wells, etc). Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 23, 1910.

Act No. 314. To grant a right-of-way to the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Railroad Company over the Oakley and Monticello Plantations, in the Parish of Iberville, for electric railway purposes, etc. Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 25, 1910.

Act No. 315. To amend and re-enact Sections fifty-three (53), fifty-eight (58), fifty-nine (59), sixty (60), sixty-one (61), sixty-two (62), sixty-eight (68), and sixty-nine (69) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation and providing the method of assessing and collecting the same, etc." Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 25, 1910.

Act No. 317. To amend and re-enact Act 159 of 1902, as amended by Act 135 of 1906, which Act No. 159 of 1902 is an Act entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of 1900,

entitled an Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective parishes into *Drainage Districts*; to fix the limits thereof; to provide for Boards of Commissioners therefor, etc." Approved, July 7, 1910. Promulgated, July 25, 1910.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1910.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Fifteenth Day of August, 1910.

No legislation affecting levee matters, etc.

SESSION OF 1912.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City Baton Rouge on the Thirteenth Day of May, 1912.

Act No. 6. To create, establish and organize the Parish of Allen; to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide a representative therefor; to provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the said Parish of Allen; and to assign the parish to a Senatorial, Judicial and other Districts. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana to be called and known as the Parish of Allen, is hereby created out of that portion of the present Parish of Calcasieu comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Commencing on the Vernon Parish Line at a point where the line between Sections fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) in Township two (2) South, Range six (6) West intersects said Parish Line; thence South along section line to the Southwest corner of Section twenty-two (22) in Township five (5) South, Range six (6) West; thence West along section line to the Southwest corner of Section nineteen (19) in Township five (5) South, Range seven (7) West; thence South along range line to Southwest corner of Section nineteen (19) in Township seven (7) South, Range seven (7) West; thence East along section line to the Southeast corner of Section twenty-two (22) in Township seven (7) South,

range seven (7) West; thence North along section line to the Northeast corner of Section twenty-two (22) in Township seven (7) South, Range seven (7) West; thence East along section line to the Southeast corner of Section sixteen (16) in Township seven (7) South, range four (4) West; thence North along section line to Quarter Corner (1-4) between Sections thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34) in Township six (6) South, Range four (4) West; thence to the middle of Bayou Nezpique; thence in a Northerly direction along the middle of Bayou Nezpique to the point where the North boundary of Section thirty (30) in Township five (5) South, Range three (3) West, intersects said Bayou; thence North on the line between Evangeline and Calcasieu Parishes to the Rapides Parish Line; thence West along the Rapides Parish Line to beginning * * * *

Approved, June 6, 1912. Promulgated, June 12, 1912.

Act No. 7. To create, establish and organize the Parish of Jefferson Davis; to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide a representative therefor; to provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the said Parish of Jefferson Davis; and to assign the Parish to a Senatorial, Judicial and other Districts. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new Parish in the State of Louisiana, to be called and known as the Parish of Jefferson Davis, is hereby created out of that portion of the present Parish of Calcasieu, comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Commencing on the Northern boundary of the Parish of Cameron, at the Southwest corner of Section thirty-three (33) in Township eleven (11) South, Range six (6) West; thence North along Section line to the Northwest corner of Section twenty-one (21) in Township eleven (11) South, Range six (6) West; thence East to the middle of Lacassine Bayou; thence in a Northerly direction along the middle of Lacassine Bayou to the point where the line between Sections twenty (20) and twenty-nine (29) in Township ten (10) South, Range five (5) West, intersects said Bayou; thence West along section line to the Southwest corner of Section twenty-one (21) in Township ten (10) South, Range six (6) West; thence North along section line to the Northwest corner of Section twenty-one in Township nine (9) South, Range six (6) West; thence West along section line to the Southwest corner of Section eighteen (18) in Township nine (9) South, Range six (6) West; thence North along range line to the Northeast corner of Section twelve (12) in Township eight (8) South, Range seven (7) West; thence West along

Section line to the Southwest corner of Section six (6) in Township eight (8) South, Range seven (7) West; thence North along range line to the Northwest corner of Section thirty (30) in Township seven (7) South, Range seven (7) West; thence East along section line to the Northwest corner of Section twenty-six (26) in Township seven (7), Range seven (7) West; thence North along section line to the Northwest corner of Section twenty-three (23) in Township seven (7) South, Range seven (7) West; thence East along section line to the Northeast corner of Section twenty-one (21) in Township seven (7) South, Range four (4) West; thence North along section line to the Quarter Corner (1-4) between Sections thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34) in Township six (6) South, Range four (4) West; thence East along half section line to the middle of Bayou Nez-pique; thence in a Southerly direction along the middle of Bayou Nez-pique and the Mermentau River to the Cameron Parish Line; thence West along the Cameron Parish Line to the point of beginning * * * * *

Approved, June 12, 1912. Promulgated, June 18, 1912.

Act No. 8. To create, establish and organize the Parish of Beauregard; to fix and define the boundaries thereof; to provide for a representative therefor; to provide for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Parish of Calcasieu with the said Parish of Beauregard; and to assign the Parish to a Senatorial, Judicial and other Districts. (Six Sections).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That a new Parish in the State of Louisiana, to be called and known as the Parish of Beauregard, is hereby created out of that portion of the present Parish of Calcasieu, comprised and embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Commencing at the middle of the Sabine River, at the point where the line between Township seven (7) South, Range thirteen (13) West, and eight (8) South, Range thirteen (13) West, intersects the said River; thence East along said Township line to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-three (33) in Township seven (7) South, Range eleven (11) West; thence North along section line to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-three (33) in Township six (6) South, Range eleven (11) West; thence East along Township line to Southeast corner of Section thirty-three (33) in Township six (6) South, Range ten (10) West; thence South along section line to Southeast corner of Section thirty-three (33) in Township seven (7) South, Range ten (10) West; thence East along Township Line to Southeast corner of Section thirty-six (36), Township seven (7) South, Range eight (8)

West; thence North along Range Line to Southwest corner of Section nineteen (19) in Township five (5) South, Range seven (7) West; thence East along section line to Southeast corner of Section twenty-one in Township five (5) South, Range six (6) West; thence along section line to the line between Vernon and Calcasieu Parishes; thence West along said Parish line to the middle of the Sabine River; thence South meandering along the middle of the Sabine River to the point of beginning. * * *

Approved, June 12, 1912. Promulgated, June 18, 1912.

Act No. 10. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting the National Government to assume control of the levees of the Mississippi River and its tributaries and maintaining and protecting existing levee lines. Approved, June 13, 1912. Promulgated, June 18, 1912.

Act No. 17. (House Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to procure an appropriation of money by Congress necessary to the completion of the surveys of the lands in Louisiana, etc. Approved, June 21, 1912. Promulgated, June 26, 1912.

Act No. 18. (House Concurrent Resolution) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their "exertion" to procure a speedy settlement of the swamp land grants of March 2, 1849, and September 28, 1850, in mode and manner that they may deem most proper. Approved, June 21, 1912. Promulgated, June 26, 1912.

Act No. 26. Regulating the employment of convicts; prohibiting their use or employment outside the prison walls, or the camps or penal farms of the State, for private or personal purposes; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act. Approved, June 26, 1912. Promulgated, July 5, 1912.

Act No. 28. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Requesting the Governor to appoint a Committee composed of three persons to investigate as soon as possible the causes which led to the recent crevasses in this State; to fix the responsibility therefor; to ascertain why no attempt was made to close the breaks nor tie the ends of the levee; said Committee to serve without compensation, and that the findings of said Committee to be made public as soon as possible. Approved, June 26, 1912. Promulgated, July 5, 1912.

Act No. 37. Requiring the Register of the State Land Office to furnish lists of the State Lands, which may have been entered

or sold each year, to the Assessors in each parish in the State, in order that such lands be assessed for taxes. Approved, July 1, 1912. Promulgated, July 5, 1912.

Act No. 41. To amend and re-enact Section 6 of Act 315 of 1910, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Sections fifty-three (53), fifty-eight (58), fifty-nine (59), sixty (60), sixty-one (61), sixty-two (62), sixty-eight (68) and sixty-nine (69) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled 'An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by levying of annual taxes upon all property, etc.' " Approved, July 1, 1912. Promulgated, July 8, 1912.

Act No. 55. Regulating the manner and terms on which property bid in for and adjudicated to the State for unpaid taxes may hereafter be sold, prescribing the duties of certain officers with regard thereto, and repealing all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with or contrary to this Act. Approved, July 2, 1912. Promulgated, July 10, 1912.

Act No. 58. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Urging the Congress of the United States to take cognizance of the obstructions in the Mermentau River, caused by the piling, wreckage, and mud sills of an abandoned dam known to the U. S. Engineers, and to take steps directing the Engineering Department to remove said wreckage and obstruction, etc. Approved, July 5, 1912. Promulgated, July 10, 1912.

Act No. 62. Prescribing the time within which suits or proceedings may be instituted by the State of Louisiana, private Corporations, or persons, for the purpose of vacating or annulling any patent issued by the State of Louisiana, signed by the Governor of the State and the Register of the State Land Office, or any transfer of property by any sub-division of the State, and repealing all conflicting laws. Approved, July 5, 1912. Promulgated, July 10, 1912.

Act No. 71. To authorize the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to borrow \$250,000.00, and, if necessary, to mortgage the State Farms, and to use the proceeds in paying the expenses of operating and maintaining the Penitentiary System. Approved, July 5, 1912. Promulgated, July 10, 1912.

Act No. 124. To repeal an Act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana in the year 1826, which was approved February 22, 1826, which relates to the boundary lines between the Parishes of Washington and St. Tammany, and establishing

a dividing line between said Parishes in Section No. 57 (Richard Chappel Headright), Township four (4) South, Range twelve (12) East, St. Helena Meridian. Approved, July 9, 1912. Promulgated, July 17, 1912.

Act No. 132. Proposing an amendement to Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the incurring of debt and issuing bonds for works of public improvement and to the validation and refunding of bonds issued for such improvements, by Municipal Corporations, Parishes and Schools, *Drainage*, Sewerage and other Districts (the City of New Orleans excepted) and the assessment of special taxes and forced contributions to pay for same. Approved, July 9, 1912. Promulgated, July 17, 1912.

Act No. 134. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to issue and negotiate bonds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars additional to the issue authorized by Section twelve of Act No. 44 of 1886. (Bonds to bear interest at rate of five (5) per cent per annum, and become due in fifty years). Approved, July 9, 1912. Promulgated, July 17, 1912.

Act No. 151. To amend and re-enact Act No. 168 of 1894, entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of Sixteenth Section Lands, where the Township in which such lands are situated is not habitable by reason of the land therein being swamp or sea marsh." Approved, July 10, 1912. Promulgated, July 20, 1912.

Act No. 158. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the State Government, to pay the interest on the public debt; and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1912 and ending June 30, 1913, and for the year commencing July 1, 1913 and ending June 30, 1914.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, or so much thereof, or any excess thereof, as may be derived from the State taxes levied for that purpose, or derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund from the sale of swamp lands, for the years ending June 30, 1913 and 1914, each, Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$344,000).

Salary of Chief Engineer, four Assistant Engineers and other employes, and general expenses of the Board of State Engineers, for the years ending June 30, 1913 and 1914, each, same as for 1911 and 1912.

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

For salary of the Register of State Land Office, for the years ending June 30, 1913 and 1914, each, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Salary of Chief Clerk, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Salary, Record Clerk, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Salary Assistant Record Clerk, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$1,380).

Salary Tax Land Clerk, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200).

Salary, Stenographer, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900).

Traveling expenses, Register State Land Office, for the years 1913 and 1914, each, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).

Office expenses, telegrams, telephone, etc., for the years 1913 and 1914, each, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250). * *
Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 20, 1912.

Act No. 188. To authorize and instruct the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and transfer the remaining portions of the Penitentiary grounds to the City of Baton Rouge for public purposes, and to provide the details of said transfer. Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 25, 1912.

Act No. 201. To authorize William W. Burekhalter to sue the State of Louisiana and the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary for the sum of One Hundred and Ten (\$110.00) Dollars, by action of jactitation or slander of title, growing out of the claim of said Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to ownership of Seventy (70) acres of land, more or less, owned by and in the possession of Dr. William W. Burekhalter. Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 25, 1912.

Act No. 206. To amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act 80 of 1906, entitled an Act "to create the Saline Levee and Drainage

District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same, etc."

(Section 7, as amended, authorizes and provides for certain local assessments and local contributions.) Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 29, 1912.

Act No. 208. To amend and re-enact Section 2 of Act 97 of 1890, entitled "An Act to repeal that portion of Act 33 of 1879 creating the Fourth Levee District, and to create a new district to be known and styled 'The Atchafalaya Basin Levee District'; to define the limits of said district, etc."

(Section 2, as amended, relates to the appointment of Commissioners and terms of office.) Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 29, 1912.

Act No. 210. To amend and re-enact Act No. 28 of 1906, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled 'An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made, etc.' "

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"Section 90. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1912, and for each subsequent year, for the following purposes, to-wit:

2nd. That 17-20 of a mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repair and maintenance of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund."

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Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 29, 1912.

Act No. 219. To repeal Sections 17 and 18, and to amend and re-enact Sections 28, 21 and 24 of Act No. 317 of 1910, approved July 7, 1910, entitled an Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 159 of 1902, as amended by Act No. 135 of 1906, which Act No. 159 of 1902 is an Act entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of 1900, entitled 'An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective parishes into *Drainage Districts*, to fix the limits thereof, etc.' " Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 30, 1912.

Act No. 221. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 85 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 7, 1906, for perfecting and validating patents issued by the State of Louisiana which were not paid for in money, but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such patents, etc.

(Extension for one year from the day of the passage of this Act, etc.) Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 30, 1912.

Act No. 230. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, providing for the exemption from taxation for a period of ten years from the date of its completion, of all railroads or parts of railroads constructed subsequently to June 1, 1912. Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 30, 1912.

Act No. 246. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 86 of 1906, approved July 6, 1906, for perfecting and validating certificates of entry issued by the State of Louisiana, which were not paid for in money, but were paid for in certificates, or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such certificates of entry, etc. (Extension of one year from and after the day of passage of this Act, etc.)

Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 31, 1912.

Act No. 251. To authorize and empower the Board of Levee Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to levy and collect a yearly tax, in addition to the tax now levied and collected by it, of two mills on the dollar, for a period of eight years, commencing on January 1, 1913, on all taxable property situated within the district, etc.

Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 31, 1912.

Act No. 258. (House Concurrent Resolution). Authorizing and empowering the Governor of the State of Louisiana to lease any vacant and unappropriated public lands belonging to the State of Louisiana for the development and production of oil, gas, coal, salt, sulphur, lignite, and any other minerals, under the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth.

Approved, July 11, 1912. Promulgated, July 31, 1912.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1912.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Extra Session, Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Twelfth Day of August, 1912.

Act No. 10. (Joint Resolution). Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana, at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1912, an amendment to the Constitution of the State exempting from taxation for ten (10) years from the date of completion, the capital stock, franchise, and certain property of all Corporations constructing, owning and operating, within the State, a combined system of irrigation, navigation and hydro-electric power, using fresh water streams and water sheds, provided that each system be completed and in operation within five (5) years from January 1, 1913, and providing further that not less than Five Million Dollars shall have been expended in the construction of each system.

Approved, August 24, 1912. Promulgated, August 26, 1912.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1913.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Second Extra Session of the Fourth General Assembly, Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Eighth Day of September, 1913

No legislation relating to levees, or drainage, or the *Board of State Engineers*, etc.

SESSION OF 1914.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session, Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Eleventh Day of May, 1914.

Act No. 5. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting the *Board of State Engineers*, if not incompatible with their duties, to make diligent inquiry and examination of conditions in the Calcasieu River at and near Lake Charles, Louisiana, obstructing the free flow of said river, said conditions claimed to have been brought about by the high banks thrown up by the S. P., Lake Charles and Northern, and

Kansas City Rairoads, leading into Lake Charles, said *Board of State Engineers* to report its finding to the Railroad Commission of Louisiana, said latter Commission to take such action in the premises as the facts and the law warrant.

Approved, June 3, 1914. Promulgated, June 4, 1914.

Act No. 30. To amend and re-enact Section 2 of Act No. 75 of 1880, as amended by Act No. 193 of 1904, and Section 13 of Act No. 75 of 1880, entitled "An Act to readjust the State Land Office, appointment of the Register; to fix his salary, and the time and manner of paying said salary; to define the power and prescribe the duties of the Register, and" etc.

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Approved, June 22, 1914. Promulgated, July 3, 1914.

Act No. 33. To ratify, confirm and validate the titles to certain properties in the Parish of St. Charles, sold by the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, under the terms and conditions of Act 215 of 1908.

Approved, June 24, 1914. Promulgated, July 3, 1914.

Act No. 37. To empower the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to build, acquire, own and operate such machinery as will, in its opinion, serve to cheapen and expedite the building of levees in the Orleans Levee District.

Approved, July 1, 1914. Promulgated, July 8, 1914.

Act No. 38. To authorize the Governor to withdraw from sale or entry any of the vacant and unappropriated public lands and lake beds, or bottoms, belonging to the State, whenever, in his opinion, they appear to be more valuable for mineral than for any other purpose, and to ratify and confirm all withdrawals heretofore made under Act 258 of 1912.

Approved, July 1, 1914. Promulgated, July 8, 1914.

Act No. 39. To empower the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to issue interest-bearing negotiable certificates of indebtedness, with detachable interest coupons thereto, for property purchased by it for levee purposes, and for the building of levees thereon. (No rate of interest specified).

Approved, July 1, 1914. Promulgated, July 8, 1914.

Act No. 50. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon the latter to have the proper authorities vested with the duty of recommending action necessary for

the control of the rivers and harbors of the State, be instructed to cause such surveys and investigations to be made as will aid in determining the causes of the recent abnormal overflows in the Atchafalaya River, and to report their findings at the earliest practicable date. Also that the Mississippi River Commission be instructed by the U. S. Government authorities to embrace the improvements of the Atchafalaya River as a part of its plan for the protection of the alluvial lands of the Mississippi valley from overflow, and for the improvement of the navigation of that river and its mouths, the Atchafalaya River being recognized as one of the mouths of the Mississippi River.

Approved, July 1, 1914. Promulgated, July 9, 1914.

Act No. 86. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Relative to the certification by the Register of the State Land Office to the Caddo Levee District of certain lands in the Parish of Caddo belonging to the State of Louisiana, under Act No. 160 of 1900, (beds of navigable streams and lakes and certain lands high above overflow), which certification is claimed to have been erroneous; and referring the subject matter of the resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his investigation and report to the Governor.

Approved, July 6, 1914. Promulgated, July 14, 1914.

Act No. 87. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Instructing and empowering the Board of Control for the Bayou St. John and Carondelet Canal and Old Basin, organized by Act 161 of 1906, by and with the consent of the Governor and the advice of the Attorney, to make some contract or arrange some modus vivendi with the Liquidators of the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company relative to collection of tolls, administration of property, etc., until the matters at issue between the State and said Liquidators can be finally settled and adjusted, etc.

Approved, July 6, 1914. Promulgated, July 14, 1914.

Act No. 90. (Joint Resolution). Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana, at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1914, an amendment to the Constitution of the State exempting from taxation for ten (10) years from the date of completion, the capital stock, franchise and certain property of all corporations constructing, owning and operating within the State a combined system of irrigation, navigation and hydro-electric power, using fresh water streams and water sheds, provided that each system be completed and in operation within five (5) years from January 1, 1915, and pro-

viding further that not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall have been expended in the construction of each system.

Approved, July 6, 1914. Promulgated, July 14, 1914.

Act No. 107. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District to issue and negotiate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of five (5) per cent fifty year bonds; to be used in giving more thorough drainage and levee protection in said District, in addition to the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) six (6) per cent twenty year bonds issue under the provisions of Act No. 46 of 1892, refunded into five (5) per cent bonds pursuant to Act No. 14 of 1898, and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) five (5) per cent fifty year bonds, issued under the provisions of Act No. 49 of 1900, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. (Eight Sections). * * * * *

"Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the proceeds of the sale of these bonds shall be applied to drainage and levee purposes within the limits of the said District, and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of the proceeds of said bonds be used for drainage purposes and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of said proceeds shall be used for levee purposes." * * * * *

Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 16, 1914.

Act No. 113. To provide for the refunding of the purchase price of and the taxes paid on lands obtained from the State and for which the State could not furnish a valid title; to appropriate Two Thousand Dollars therefor; to require the approval of the Register of the State Land Office, the Auditor and the Attorney General as a condition precedent to the payment of claims for such moneys and to repeal all acts in conflict herewith.

Approved, July 7, 1914. Promulgated, July 16, 1914.

Act No. 128. To authorize the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to borrow \$500,000.00, or so much thereof as is necessary; and, if necessary, to mortgage the State Farms, and to use the proceeds in paying the operating expenses, funding existing indebtedness and maintaining the Penitentiary System.

Approved, July 8, 1914. Promulgated, July 17, 1914.

Act No. 138. Authorizing the Levee Districts throughout the State, whenever it shall be deemed economical, with the approval of the Governor and the *Board of State Engineers*, to purchase and use machinery and levee building implements and appliances for the purpose of building and repairing levees, without the necessity of letting such work by contract.

Approved, July 8, 1914. Promulgated, July 17, 1914.

Act No. 157. Relative to corporations organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, with power to build and construct canals for irrigation, transportation of freight and passengers, and for the development of hydro-electric power, or either, or all of them, giving such corporations, under certain terms, the right of expropriation of rights-of-way over, under, and across all public lands, streams, and other waters of the State, and under, over, and across and along rural highways, and roads, and streets, and public places in Cities and Towns, with the consent of, and upon the terms imposed by the local authorities having jurisdiction thereof, and declaring all corporations exercising the powers herein conferred, to be common carriers. (This is not to apply to any corporation not now a common carrier).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 17, 1914.

Act No. 177. Making appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt; and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1914, and ending June 30, 1915, and for the year commencing July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1916.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or so much thereof, or any excess thereof, as may be derived from the State taxes levied for that purpose, or derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, from the sale of swamp lands, for the years ending June 30, 1915 and 1916, each, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000).

Salary, *Chief State Engineer*, four Assistant Engineers, Secretary, Draftsman and Assistant Draftsman, same as for 1913-1914.

Engineers' material and repairing instruments, for postage, telegrams, stationery, etc., for the years ending June 30, 1915 and 1916, each, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Mileage and expenses of Chainmen and Axmen, additional Engineers, etc., same as for 1913-1914.

OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salary of Register, State Land Office, for years ending June 30, 1915 and 1916, each, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Salary, Chief Clerk, Record Clerk, Assistant Record Clerk, and Stenographer, same as for 1913 and 1914.

Traveling expenses, Register State Land Office, for years ending June 30, 1915 and 1916, each, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Office expenses, telegrams, telephones, postage, etc., same as for 1913 and 1914.

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Approved, July 8, 1914. Promulgated, July 17, 1914.

Act No. 179. Authorizing the Boards of Commissioners of the duly organized Levee Districts of Louisiana to anticipate their revenues, for one year in advance of their availability, for emergency levee work, within their several territories, and to issue interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness or warrants for such work. (Rate of interest not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 17, 1914.

Act No. 192. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as amended by Joint Resolution, known as Act No. 132 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of the year 1912 and adopted at the Congressional election held on the 5th day of November, 1912, and as re-adopted by the Constitutional Convention of the State of Louisiana for the year 1913.

(Creation of Drainage Districts).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 195. To provide a fee bill fixing the fees to be collected by the Register of the State Land Office; to provide the manner in which such fees shall be disposed of; to fix the date upon which this Act shall become effective; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 200. To amend and re-enact Act No. 308 of 1908, entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of Civil Engineering and Surveying; to create a State Board of Engineering Examiners, and regulate the fees and emoluments thereof; to prevent the practice of said callings or professions by unauthorized persons; and to provide for the trial and punishment of violations of the provisions of this Act, by fine or imprisonment, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with this Act."

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 206. To carry into effect Article 239 of the Constitution of the State; to authorize the Boards of Commissioners of the Levee Districts of the State to issue bonds in lieu of the bonds which said Levee Districts have heretofore been authorized to issue, and to provide for the retirement of the bonds of said Districts now outstanding; to provide for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized by this Act; to levy certain taxes and local contributions by the State Auditor in default of a levy by said Districts, and to provide for the assessment and collection of same; to impose, in connection with the purposes of this Act, and the said levy, assessment and collection of taxes and local contributions, certain duties on said Boards of Commissioners, and on the State Treasurer and Auditor, or other Officer filling the functions of State Auditor, and to provide for the enforcement thereof by mandamus; to read into said bonds, as part of the contract thereof, an obligation on the part of the State not to repeal or modify, to the detriment of said bonds, this Act and certain other Acts of the General Assembly creating the Levee Districts of the State, and providing for their government, and authorizing them to levy and collect taxes and local contributions.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 212. To create and incorporate the Lafourche Basin Levee and Drainage District, in the Parishes of Ouachita, Morehouse and Richland; to define its powers and duties, and to provide for its government and administration of its affairs.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 224. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to Article 232 of the Constitution of 1898, as re-adopted by the Constitution of 1913, relative to State Tax for all purposes,

including expenses of government, schools, levees, public roads, fire department and buildings, and works of public improvement, and the assessment of special taxes to pay the same.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 20, 1914.

Act No. 227. To amend and re-enact Sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 of Act No. 317 of 1910, approved July 17, 1910, as amended by Act No. 219 of 1912, approved July 11, 1912, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act 159 of 1902, as amended by Act No. 135 of 1906, which Act No. 159 of 1902, as amended by Act No. 135 of 1906, is an Act entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of 1900, entitled An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective parishes into Drainage Districts; to fix the limits thereof, and the number of Commissioners thereof, respectively, etc."

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 21, 1914.

Act No. 233. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 86 of 1906, approved, July 6, 1906, for perfecting and validating certificates of entry issued by the State of Louisiana, which were not paid for in money, but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such certificates of entry; providing that this Act shall not impair or affect the operation of Act No. 62 of 1912; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act. (Time extended to July 1, 1916).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 21, 1914.

Act No. 238. To amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 109 of 1904, approved July 4, 1904, entitled "An Act to create the Red River and Bayou des Glaizes Levee and Drainage District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same, etc."

Section 7, as amended, provides for levying certain special assessments, acreage tax not to exceed six and one-half cents on each and every acre of land within the District, and Sixty Dollars per mile on railroad lines within the District.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 21, 1914.

Act No. 239. To permit the placing of drains, culverts, or drains through or under the public levees to be constructed on the west side of the Atchafalaya River between Bayou Cour-

tableau and Bayou Teche, in the Parishes of St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary, and prescribing the manner and conditions under which the same may be placed. (All subject to the approval of the *Board of State Engineers*).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 21, 1914.

Act No. 244. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, giving the power to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans to dig, build, erect and operate or acquire and operate a navigation canal, and the necessary locks, slips, laterals, basins and appurtenances thereof in the City of New Orleans, to connect Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River. (Four Sections).

"Section 1. Be it resolved, etc. * * * * *

The location of said canal shall be fixed and determined by the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans, and shall be constructed under plans and specifications to be first approved and ratified by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and by the said Commission Council, and to be further approved and ratified by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and by the *Board of State Engineers* of the State of Louisiana, the concurrence of all of these bodies being necessary to the adoption of said plans and specifications."

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Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 21, 1914.

Act No. 247. Authorizing the sale of the grounds and buildings of the State Penitentiary, in the City of Baton Rouge, to the City of Baton Rouge, and fixing the domicile of the Board of Control and of the receiving station of the State Penitentiary.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 22, 1914.

Act No. 252. To authorize the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary to establish and maintain Demonstration Farms, both agricultural and stock raising, on Monticello, Oakley and Hope Plantations, etc.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 22, 1914.

Act No. 258. Providing for the validation and perfection of entries to State Lands on which the full price was not paid into the State Treasury at the time said entries were made; and to repeal all laws in conflict. (Time extended to July 1, 1916).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 22, 1914.

Act No. 269. To validate certificates of redemption issued by the Auditor or the Register of the State Land Office twelve months or more after the day of the Act or tax deed to the State was filed for record in the Conveyance Office.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 23, 1914.

Act No. 271. Authorizing the Governor to lease the vacant and unappropriated public lands and lake beds or bottoms belonging to the State, and providing the terms and conditions for such leases.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 23, 1914.

Act No. 281. To amend and re-enact Act No. 210 of 1912, being an amendment to Act No. 28 of 1906, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 170 of 1898," entitled, "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes, etc."

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"Section 90. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1914, and for each subsequent year, for the following purposes, to-wit: "

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"2nd. That 17-20 of a mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repair and maintenance of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund."

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Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 23, 1914.

Act No. 283. To amend and re-enact the Title and Sections One (1) and Five (5) of Act No. 215 of 1908, approved July 8, 1908, entitled "An Act to annul all applications on file in the office of the Register of the State Land Office, for entry or purchase of public lands from the State to which patent or certificate of entry has not been issued, and regulating the manner and terms on which public lands may hereafter be sold, and prescribing the duties of certain officers regarding the same."

(Refers to lands belonging to either the State or the Levee Districts of the State).

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 23, 1914.

Act No. 297. Creating a Commission to investigate the past and present conduct and management of the affairs of the

Government of the State of Louisiana, in all its departments, executive and judicial, and of all its Boards and Agencies and instrumentalities of Government, etc.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 24, 1914.

Act No. 302. To authorize the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to create Navigation Districts; making it mandatory on Police Juries, under certain conditions to create such Districts; to fix the limits thereof; to provide for Boards of Commissioners thereof, etc.

Approved, July 9, 1914. Promulgated, July 25, 1914.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1915.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Extraordinary Session, Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Seventeenth Day of May, 1915.

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Act No. 6. (Joint Resolution). Authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the several Levee Districts of the State of Louisiana, to make appropriations to cover the expenses of delegates to the meetings of the Mississippi River Commission and other Interstate and National Bodies, and to contribute to the support and maintenance of the Interstate and National Organizations having for their purpose the advancement of Levee Interests of the State. (No Board of Commissioners to appropriate in any one year, for the purposes aforesaid, a larger amount than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Approved, June 9, 1915. Promulgated, June 11, 1915.

Act No. 9. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting the Congress of the United States to fulfill its National duty at its next Session, and to enact such legislation as shall provide a separate and comprehensive plan for the prevention of the frequent floods in the Mississippi River, etc.

Approved, June 3, 1915. Promulgated, June 14, 1915.

Act No. 13. To amend and re-enact Section Three of Act No. 144 of 1888, as amended by Act No. 60 of 1910. (Board of Control, New Basin Canal and Shell Road. Additional powers as to control, repairs, improvements, and examination of claims. Authority to issue certificates of indebtedness; how payable, etc.)

Approved, June 10, 1915. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

Act No. 21. Approving the action and policy of the Governor of the State of Louisiana with respect to the oil, gas and other mineral wealth of the State, and to ratify and confirm all oil, gas and mineral leases of public lands, river and lake bottoms, made by the Governor, on behalf of the State, to various individuals, firms and corporations.

Approved, June 10, 1915. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

Act No. 26. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolutions. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt a certain bill, known as the "Williams-Clark Bill," and numbered H. R. 8189 of the Sixty-third Congress, First Session, having for its object to establish a flood protection and drainage fund, and to provide for the protection, drainage and reclamation of the overflowed and swamp lands of the United States, etc.

Approved, June 11, 1915. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

Act No. 29. Prohibiting the issuance of writs of injunction to restrain the exploitation of lands, river and lake bottoms, for oil, gas or other minerals, where such lands or bottoms are owned or claimed by the State and where the State has leased the same for exploitation; prescribing the remedy of the plaintiff in suits brought against the lessees, officers or employees of the State; providing a method by which the defendant in any such suit may release the product, or the proceeds of the sale of the product, obtained from such property; providing for the sale of such oil and for the deposit of the proceeds of such sale or sales at interest pending the final termination of the litigation; and repealing all laws in conflict or inconsistent herewith.

Approved, June 14, 1915. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

Act No. 30. Authorizing the Governor to lease lands, including lake and river beds or bottoms belonging to the State, and providing the terms and conditions of such leases.

Approved, June 14, 1915. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

Act No. 34. Making certain appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, and to support the public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana, for the year commencing July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1916.

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(No appropriations made affecting, directly, the General Engineer Fund, or the Levee and Drainage Fund).

Became law by limitation. Promulgated, June 17, 1915.

SESSION OF 1916.**The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Eighth Day of May, 1916.**

Act No. 11. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District to issue and negotiate Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of five (5) per cent serial bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the levee system in said District, in addition to the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) six per cent, twenty year bonds issued under the provisions of Act No. 46 of 1892, refunded into five per cent bonds, pursuant to Act No. 14 of 1898, and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) five per cent fifty year bonds issued under the provisions of Act No. 49 of 1900, and in addition to the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) five per cent fifty year bonds issued under Act No. 107 of 1914, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued hereunder.

Approved, June 16, 1916. Promulgated, June 27, 1916.

Act No. 20. To authorize the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District to issue and negotiate not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) of five per cent serial bonds, additional and without prejudice to the bonds of said District issued under the provisions of Act No. 59 of 1886, approved July 3, 1886; and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 19, 1916. Promulgated, June 27, 1916.

Act No. 21. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and resolution. Authorizing and directing the Treasurer and Auditor of the State of Louisiana to use such parts of any funds on hand as may become necessary to pay the Current Expenses of the State Government, the funds so used by virtue of this Resolution to be returned to the respective funds out of the General Fund, when the taxes for the current year 1916 be collected.

Approved, June 21, 1916. Promulgated, June 27, 1916.

Act No. 28. Proposing an amendment to Article 270 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the voting and levying of special taxes in aid of public improvements.

Approved, June 23, 1916. Promulgated, June 30, 1916.

Act No. 44. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their exertions to procure a speedy settlement of the swamp land grants of March 2, 1849, and September 28, 1850, in the mode and manner that they may deem most proper.

Approved, June 29, 1916. Promulgated, July 8, 1916.

Act No. 46. Making an appropriation to defray the ordinary expenses of the State Government; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees, and to maintain the State Penitentiary, for the year commencing July 1, 1916, and ending June 30, 1917, and for the year commencing July 1, 1917, and ending June 30, 1918.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For constructing, repairing and maintaining the levees, or so much thereof, or in excess thereof, as may be derived from the State taxes levied for that purpose, or derived from the transfer of funds to the General Engineer Fund, from the sale of swamp lands, for the years ending June 30, 1917 and 1918, respectively, each, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000).

Salaries of Chief Engineer, four Assistant Engineers, Secretary, Draftsman and Assistant Draftsman, same as for 1915 and 1916.

Engineers' materials and repairing instruments, for postage, telegrams, stationery, etc., for the years ending June 30, 1917 and 1918, respectively, each, Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500.00).

Mileage and expenses of Chainmen and Axmen, additional Engineers, Chainmen, Axmen, Mileage and Expenses for additional services that may be required by the various Levee Districts, same as for 1915 and 1916.

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OUT OF THE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE FUND.

Salaries of Register, State Land Office, Chief Clerk, Record Clerk, Assistant Record Clerk, Stenographer and office expenses, telegrams, telephones, postage, etc., same as for 1915 and 1916.

Traveling expenses, Register State Land Office, for the years ending June 30, 1917 and 1918, respectively, each, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Approved, June 30, 1916. Promulgated, July 8, 1916.

Act No. 74. To amend and re-enact Section Two of Act No. 9 of 1900, approved June 20, 1900, entitled "An Act to authorize the Boards of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and Lafourche Basin Levee District to place locks at the head of Bayou Lafourche; to issue notes; and expropriate land and exercise all other powers proper, or useful, or expedient for that purpose; to impose certain duties upon the Treasurer of the State, and to provide for the surrender of said locks to the United States."

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 12, 1916.

Act No. 77. To amend and re-enact Section Seven (7) of Act 227 of 1914, approved July 9, 1914, as amended by Act 317 of 1910, approved July 7, 1910, as amended by Act 219 of 1912, approved July 11, 1912, entitled an Act "To amend and re-enact Act 159 of 1902, as amended by Act 135 of 1906, which Act 159 of 1902, as amended by Act 135 of 1906, is an Act entitled 'An Act to amend and re-enact Act 12 of 1900,' entitled 'An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective Parishes into Drainage Districts, to fix the limits thereof, and the number of members of Boards of Commissioners thereof, respectively, etc.' "

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 12, 1916.

Act No. 90. To define a drainage system, provide for the levy of taxes and the issuance of bonds, under the terms and conditions of Paragraph 2 of Article 281 of the Constitution of Louisiana, when said bonds are to be issued to complete a system of drainage without an election to authorize the same, and to provide a period of estoppel when suits may be brought to contest said taxes, bonds and proceedings leading to the levy and issuance.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 12, 1916.

Act No. 115. Proposing an amendment to Article 48 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the limitation of legislative powers by adding the words "river improvement districts, harbor improvement districts and navigation districts" to the proviso, excepting municipal corporations having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, or, to the organization of levee districts and parishes, from the provisions of said Article 48 of the Constitution providing for "Creating Corporations, or amending, renewing, extending or explaining the charters thereof."

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 129. (Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to, at the present session of Congress, make such appropriations as may be necessary to make surveys and provide funds for the construction of a lock with at least 35 feet depth at extreme low water over the sill thereof, said lock to connect the proposed Industrial Basin and Navigation Canal within the City of New Orleans with the Mississippi River, etc., etc.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 134. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of 1913, authorizing and empowering the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, or its successor, to fund its indebtedness and issue notes therefor, serially or otherwise, not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, and at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and for a term not exceeding fifteen years, and empowering the General Assembly to provide the methods of carrying this amendment into effect.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 137. To amend and re-enact Section Two (2) of Act No. 70 of 1900, approved July 6, 1900, entitled "An Act to carry into effect Article 196 of the Constitution of 1898, by providing for the creation and organization of a Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, and to define its powers and duties; to provide for the purchase or lease of lands, erection of buildings, etc., the management, the control, and the employment of convicts on State Farms, Levees, Roads and other Public Works; and in manufactories and reformatories; and to provide a fund for the same, and the making of appropriations for these objects," by creating the office of General Manager of the State Penitentiary, defining his powers and duties, his term of office, compensation, his bond, and his qualifications; discontinuing or abolishing the Board of Control by making the General Manager its successor, and repealing all conflicting laws.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 138. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District to issue and negotiate not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of five per cent serial bonds, additional, and without prejudice to the bonds of said District issued under the provisions of Act No. 97, ap-

proved July 8, 1890; and to provide for the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 141. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to issue and negotiate bonds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); rate of interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, and bonds payable in 40-50 years, additional to the issues authorized by Section Twelve of Act No. 44 of 1886, and by Act 134 of 1912, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 15, 1916.

Act No. 152. Authorizing Cities and Towns to construct and maintain levees for protection from high waters, and from overflow, and to that end to expropriate lands necessary for such works, and providing a procedure therefor; and to grant right-of-way over lands of the State.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 18, 1916.

Act No. 160. To carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of 1913, authorizing and empowering the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, or its successor, to issue interest bearing notes, either in serial or other form, for a term not exceeding fifteen years, and for Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of refunding and liquidating the present outstanding indebtedness of the Board, etc., etc.

Approved, July 5, 1916. Promulgated, July 18, 1916.

Act No. 168. Proposing an amendment to Articles 225 and 226 of the Constitution, relative to assessment and taxation.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 18, 1916.

Act No. 182. Regulating the manner and terms on which timber on lands leased by the State under the provisions of Act 30 of the Extra Session of 1915, or amending Acts, may hereafter be sold, prescribing the duties of certain officers with regard thereto, and repealing all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with or contrary to this Act.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 18, 1916.

Act No. 183. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District to issue and negotiate \$250,000.00 of five per cent serial bonds, in addition to the

\$500,000.00 of bonds heretofore issued by the said District; to provide the mode of issuing, securing, and paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act, and the mode of enforcing payment in case of default.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 18, 1916.

Act No. 197. To amend and re-enact Article 699 (695) of the Revised Civil Code of 1870.

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“Article 699 (695). The owner whose estate is enclosed, and has no way to a public road, railroad, tramroad, or a water course, may claim the right of passage on the estate of his neighbor or neighbors to the nearest public road, railroad, tramroad or water course, and shall have the right to construct a road, railroad or tramway, according to circumstances and the exigencies of the case may require, over the land of his neighbor or neighbors, for the purpose of getting the products of his said enclosed land to such public road, railroad, tramroad, or water course, or for the cultivation of his estate; but he shall be bound to indemnify his neighbor or neighbors in proportion to the damage he may occasion.”

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Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 202. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to issue and negotiate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of bonds, to provide for payment thereof, and to expend the proceeds of the same in the construction, up-keep, and maintenance of levees in and on the waters of Lake Pontchartrain and Shores adjacent thereto, and to define the powers and duties of said Board as to such levees and embankments. (Serial bonds, bearing interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, to mature serially within forty years from date of issue).

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 203. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing the Board of Levee Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District to make certain constructions along Lake Pontchartrain and elsewhere.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 205. (House Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Requesting the Congress of the United States to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or

as much thereof as may be necessary, to dredge Forest Bayou, in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, so as to make the same navigable from its mouth to the highlands near Creole P. O., etc.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 215. Authorizing and empowering the Governor and the Register of the State Land Office to grant rights-of-way across and through any public lands belonging to the State of Louisiana, to any individual or corporation doing business in the State; provided, adequate compensation be paid therefor by the grantee of such right.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 225. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act 227 of 1914, entitled "An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans excepted, to divide their respective Parishes into Drainage Districts; to fix the limits thereof, and the number of Commissioners thereof, respectively, etc., etc."

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 20, 1916.

Act No. 242. Extending the authority of Commissioners of Drainage Districts so as to enable them to extend the uses of suitable drainage canals and the banks thereof to the purposes of navigation and transportation, under certain conditions to derive revenues therefrom, and providing the necessary means to the exercise of the authority herein conferred.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 22, 1916.

Act No. 262. To amend and re-enact Section One of Act No. 167 of 1912, approved July 11, 1912, as amended by Act No. 221 of 1914, approved July 9, 1914, which Act No. 221 of 1914 is an Act entitled An Act to amend and re-enact Section One of Act 167 of 1912, which Act 167 of 1912 is entitled "An Act relative to building contracts in this State; providing for the bond to be given therein; for the protection of the owner, subcontractor, workman, laborer, mechanics and furnishers of material, for the recordation of the same, and the proceedings to be had thereunder."

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 22, 1916.

Act No. 268. Relative to Corporations organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, with power to build and construct canals for irrigation, transportation of freight and passengers, and for the development of hydro-electric power, or either, or all of them, giving such corporations, under certain terms, the right of expropriation of rights-of-way over, under

and across all public lands, streams and other waters of the State, and under, over and across and along rural highways, roads and streets, and public places in Cities and Towns, with the consent of and upon the terms imposed by the local authorities having jurisdiction thereof, and giving such Corporation the right to expropriate private property for such rights-of-way, and declaring all Corporations exercising the powers herein conferred, to be Common Carriers.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 22, 1916.

Act No. 278. Authorizing the Register of the State Land Office to turn into the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer to receive, the fees heretofore accepted under the provisions of Act No. 301 of 1910, and those fees that will be subsequently received under said Act.

Approved, July 6, 1916. Promulgated, July 22, 1916.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1917.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Ninth Day of July, 1917.

Act No. 3. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Memorializing the Congress of the United States for the reasons and for the purposes set forth, to take measures for the construction of a canal or canals connecting the waters of the Atchafalaya River with the Teche, Vermillion and other rivers, etc.

Approved, (?). Promulgated, July 19, 1917.

Act No. 16. Authorizing the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State to expropriate, when necessary, for the purpose of donation to the United States of America such rights-of-way through lands situated in their respective Parishes, as may be needed by the United States for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining canals for transportation purposes, and for the construction and improvement of the Inland Waterway Channel, known as the "Intercoastal Canal," and prescribing the manner of expropriation and of donating said rights-of-way to the United States of America.

Approved, July 24, 1917. Promulgated, July 30, 1917.

Act No. 22. Authorizing Boards of Commissioners of duly organized Drainage Districts in the State to anticipate their

revenues of the current year, by borrowing moneys required for the needs of the District for the current year, and to secure such loans by pledge of their revenues.

Approved, July 25, 1917. Promulgated, July 30, 1917.

Act No. 39. To authorize the expropriation of lands, or other property, for military purposes. (Two Sections).

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That the Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana is hereby authorized to expropriate in the name of the State, in the manner, form and method now provided for by existing laws, as in ordinary cases of expropriation, all lands or other property, when, in the opinion of the Governor and of the said Adjutant General, it may be deemed necessary for Military purposes; and all legal proceedings shall be summary."

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Approved, July 26, 1917. Promulgated, August 2, 1917.

Act No. 42. To authorize the Boards of Commissioners for any Levee District to raise money by taxes, or otherwise, and to appropriate the same to be expended by, or under the direction of the Mississippi River Commission, or to so expend money already in the Treasury.

Approved, July 26, 1917. Promulgated, August 2, 1917.

SESSION OF 1918.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge on the Thirteenth Day of May, 1918.

Act No. 3. To promote the development of the Port System of the Port of New Orleans, and the construction, maintenance and operation of the Navigation Canal, under Act No. 244 of 1914, adopted as a Constitutional Amendment; to provide for the co-operation of the Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans, the *Board of Levee Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District*, the City of New Orleans, the Public Belt Railroad thereof, and other Corporations, in the construction of works rendered necessary by said Canal and other improvements and works of said Port; and to authorize said bodies to contract with reference thereto.

Approved, May 31, 1918. Promulgated, June 4, 1918.

Act No. 19. To authorize and require all Levee Boards throughout the State, through their legally selected Commissioners in the various Levee Districts, to rebuild and reconstruct, or to pay for the rebuilding and reconstruction of all Gravel, Shell or other hard-surfaced roads, when such roads are destroyed or caused to be removed by the building of new levees made necessary by caving banks or otherwise; provided, that such destroyed or removed road had been built and in use for a period of time exceeding two years.

Approved, June 12, 1918. Promulgated, June 19, 1918.

Act No. 35. To prohibit any State Official, Department of the State Government, or State Institution from creating floating indebtedness or deficits in excess of the legislative appropriations or revenues provided therefor; to provide for special emergency cases; to provide penalties for any violation of this Act; and to repeal all conflicting laws.

Approved, June 21, 1918. Promulgated, July 11, 1918.

Act No. 36. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Buras Levee District to issue and negotiate Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) of six per cent (6%) twenty (20) year bonds, without prejudice to the bonds of said District, issued under the provisions of Act No. 18 of 1894, approved June 22, 1894, and No. 97 of 1898, approved July 12, 1898, and to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 26, 1918. Promulgated, July 11, 1918.

Act No. 55. To require all State Boards, Commissions, and Institutions of the State of Louisiana, to pay the premium on bonds required from employees.

Approved, June 27, 1918. Promulgated, July 13, 1918.

Act No. 57. To amend and re-enact Section Seven (7) of Act No. 317 of 1910, approved July 7, 1910, as amended by Act No. 219 of 1912, approved July 9, 1912, as amended by Act No. 227 of 1914, approved July 9, 1914, as amended by Act No. 77 of 1916, approved July 5, 1916, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 159 of 1902, as amended by Act No. 135 of 1906, which Act No. 159 of 1902, as amended by Act No. 135 of 1906," is an Act entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of 1900," entitled "An Act to authorize the Police Juries of the several Parishes of the State, the Parish of Orleans ex-

cepted, to divide their respective Parishes into Drainage Districts; to fix the limits thereof, and the number of Commissioners therefor, respectively, etc., etc."

Approved, June 27, 1918. Promulgated, July 13, 1918.

Act No. 59. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to issue and negotiate \$500,000.00 of five per cent serial bonds, in addition to the \$553,000.00 of bonds heretofore issued by the said District; to provide the mode of issuing, securing, and paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act, and the mode of enforcing payment in case of default. (Bonds shall be payable in 1968, or fifty years after their date, and bear interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum).

Approved, June 27, 1918. Promulgated, July 13, 1918.

Act No. 65. Dedicating to public use that portion of the strip of ground, measuring twenty-four feet in width, adjoining the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, in the City of New Orleans, extending from the tracks of the New Orleans Terminal Company to Lee Street.

Approved, June 28, 1918. Promulgated, July 13, 1918.

Act No. 73. (Senate Concurrent Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Calling upon the *Board of State Engineers* and the Highway Department of the Board of State Engineers to forthwith submit statements as to moneys received and expended, from whom received and to whom paid, the biennial reports of said Departments "containing no such statements, but a variety and assortment of matter of little interest except to the printer, and seldom read after leaving the proofreader."

Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 74. To amend and re-enact Section One (1) of Act No. 108 of 1888, approved July 12, 1888, making, *except under certain conditions and provisions*, riding, driving, or hauling on the public levees of this State, a misdemeanor; to provide penalties for the same; to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the amended Act, and to give it effect from and after its promulgation.

Approved, July 3, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 76. To fix the time within which any appropriation made by the General Assembly and not withdrawn from the State Treasury shall lapse; to provide for the cancellation of all such appropriations; to prescribe the duties of the State Auditor

and State Treasurer in connection therewith, and to repeal all conflicting laws. (Appropriations from funds of any particular year, not withdrawn from the State Treasurer within the period of eighteen months after the expiration of the calendar year, out of which revenues shall be payable, shall lapse, etc., etc.)

Approved, July 3, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 79. To amend and re-enact Sections two (2) and three (3) of Act No. 195 of 1914, entitled "An Act to provide a fee bill, fixing the fees to be collected by the Register of the State Land Office; to provide the manner in which such fees shall be disposed of; to fix the date on which this Act is to become effective; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Approved, July 3, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 90. To provide for a re-distribution of the six and one-quarter mill State Tax authorized to be levied annually on all property in the State of Louisiana in accordance with Act No. 281 of 1914, and under the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and the laws thereof, and to repeal any and all existing laws. (Three Sections.)

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That for the calendar year 1918, and for each succeeding calendar year, there is hereby levied annual taxes amounting in the aggregate to six and one-quarter (6 1-4) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all property situated in the State of Louisiana, except such property as is expressly exempted from taxation by law, all of which property is more fully described and set forth in Act No. 281 of 1914, and the subsequent laws of the State".

"Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1918, and for each subsequent year, for the following purposes, to-wit:

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"2nd. That fourteen-twentieths (14-20) of a mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repair and maintenance of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund".

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Approved, July 3, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 108. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 263 of 1908, approved July 9, 1908, entitled "An Act making it a crime to wilfully or maliciously fire or burn or blow up any

house, building, shed, outhouse, *levee*, dam, ship, vessel, steamboat, street car or railroad car, or other vehicle or other construction, and to provide a penalty therefor. Approved, July 5, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 112. To provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana and other purposes, by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation; fixing the rate of, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made; declaring when this law shall go into effect; providing for continuing funds, and the duty of the State Auditor and State Treasurer in connection therewith, and to repeal all conflicting laws. (Seven Sections).

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the State of Louisiana, That for the calendar year 1919, and each succeeding calendar year, there are hereby levied for State purposes annual taxes amounting in the aggregate to two (2) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property situated within the State of Louisiana, etc., etc."

"Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said annual taxes are levied for the year 1919, and each subsequent year, for the following purposes, to-wit:

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"3rd. That fourteen-fortieths (14-40) of a mill levee tax is levied for the construction, repairing and maintenance of levees, and shall be placed to the credit of the General Engineer Fund".

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Approved, July 5, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 122. To amend and re-enact Section Two (2) of Act No. 75 of 1880, as amended by Acts Nos. 193 of 1904 and 30 of 1914, and Section Thirteen of Act No. 75 of 1880, as amended by Act No. 30 of 1914, entitled "An Act to re-adjust the State Land Office; appointment of the Register; to fix his salary, and the time and manner of paying said salary; to define the power and prescribe the duties of the Register and to fix the fees for certificates and patents, and the disposition thereof; the price of lands and the disposition of the proceeds, etc., etc." Law by limitation. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 125. Making an appropriation to pay the ordinary expenses of the State Government; to pay the interest on the public debt; and to support public schools and public charities in

the State of Louisiana; to build and repair levees; to maintain the State Penitentiary and other State Departments, for the year commencing July 1, 1918 and ending June 30, 1919, and commencing July 1, 1919, and ending June 30, 1920.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

State Engineer Department.

For the year ending June 30, 1919, and 1920, each, respectively:

Salary of Chief Engineer.....	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries, four Assistant Engineers.....	16,000.00
Salary of Secretary.....	3,000.00
Salary, Draftsman.....	3,000.00
Salary, Assistant Draftsman.....	1,650.00
Materials, instruments, etc.....	1,500.00
Mileage and expenses, employees.....	20,000.00
Additional services, if necessary.....	15,000.00
Constructing, repairing and maintaining levees, provided said amount is available out of the proportion of the State tax apportioned to this fund, after paying the salaries and other expenses enumerated.....	\$495,000.00
	\$560,150.00

State Land Office.

Salary of Register.....	\$ 4,000.00
Salary of Chief Clerk.....	2,100.00
Salary, Record Clerk.....	2,100.00
Salary, Assistant Record Clerk.....	1,800.00
Salary of Stenographer.....	1,200.00
Traveling expenses of Register.....	750.00
Office expenses, etc.....	400.00
	\$12,350.00

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Approved, July 9, 1918. Promulgated, July 23, 1918.

Act No. 132. To add to and enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission of Louisiana, by vesting in said Commission the power and authority, and making it its duty to require all owners, possessors, or operators of any railway, railroad, tram road, log road, whether operated by electricity or steam, or other motive power; and all transportation, irrigation and drainage

canals and siphons, where the same shall cross any public road, to construct and maintain such crossings and approaches with the standard specifications furnished Police Juries of the respective Parishes of this State by the *Highway Department of the Board of State Engineers*; and to provide for the enforcement of such orders as may be issued by the Railroad Commission of Louisiana affecting such crossings by the imposition of penalties therefor. Approved, July 9, 1918. Promulgated, July 29, 1918.

Act No. 135. Authorizing and regulating meetings of the Boards of Drainage Commissioners of this State at places other than their domiciles. Approved, July 9, 1918. Promulgated, July 29, 1918.

Act No. 144. To amend and re-enact Sections 46, 47 and 48 of Act No. 170 of 1898, approved July 14, 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual revenue for the State of Louisiana by the levying of annual taxes upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made. Approved, July 9, 1918. Promulgated, July 29, 1918.

Act No. 172. (House Concurrent Resolution). Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to exert themselves to procure a speedy settlement of the Swamp Land Grants of March 2, 1849, and September 28, 1850, in the mode and manner they may deem most proper, and secure for the State of Louisiana the abandoned military reservations situated in the State. Approved, July 9, 1918. Promulgated, July 29, 1918.

Act No. 178. Authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to allot any portion of the General Engineer Fund to the different Levee Districts throughout the State, coming under the provisions of the U. S. Flood Control Act, or to the Mississippi River Commission, and that the said Levee Districts shall include such allotment in the amount of money set aside to meet the requirements of the Mississippi River Commission, as set out in said U. S. Flood Control Act, and as outlined in the ruling of the Mississippi River Commission; authorizing the *Board of State Engineers* to draw from the State Treasury any of the General Engineer Fund, or as much of the General Engineer Fund as necessary to meet the requirements of Section One of this Act. Approved, July 10, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 180. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Tensas Basin Levee District to issue and negotiate not to exceed One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) of five per cent. serial bonds, additional and without prejudice to the bonds of said District now outstanding, issued under the provisions of Act No. 59 of 1886, approved, July 3, 1886, and the Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) of five per cent. serial bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of Act No. 20 of 1916, approved, June 19, 1916; and to provide the means of paying the interest and the principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 10, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 188. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana granting the City of New Orleans an extension of time for the commencement and completion of the construction of a bridge or tunnel across the Mississippi River, under Act No. 68 of 1916. Approved, July 10, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 191. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, limiting the rate of State, Parish, Municipal, Public Board, and Special Taxation. Approved, July 10, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 202. To amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 80 of 1906, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 206 of 1912, entitled "An Act to create the Saline Levee and Drainage District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same; to authorize the said board to levy, assess and collect a tax or local assessment, or forced contribution, etc., etc." (Section 7, as amended, authorizes the levy annually of a local assessment or forced contribution not exceeding twenty-five cents on each and every acre of land within the said District, and Sixty Dollars per mile of railroad within the said District, etc., etc.) Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 208. To empower any public body created by the laws or Constitution of the State of Louisiana to modify or amend, by mutual consent, any contract or agreement awarded by it to any individual, firm or Corporation, *six months prior* to the declaration of War by the United States against Germany; and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 209. To amend and re-enact Section Three (3) of Act No. 170 of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide an annual

revenue for the State of Louisiana, by levying an annual tax upon all property not exempted from taxation, and by prescribing the method of assessing and collecting the same, and of enforcing payment thereof in the several parishes of the State, and setting forth the purposes for which said levy is made", as amended by Act No. 130, Section One (1), of 1902, approved July 8, 1902, and by Act No. 9 of 1906, approved June 21, 1906. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 210. Repealing Act No. 26 of 1912, being an Act "Regulating the employment of convicts; prohibiting their use or employment outside prison walls, or the camps or penal farms of the State, for private or personal purposes, and providing penalties for the violation of the purposes of this Act." Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 213. Extending the time prescribed by Act No. 86 of 1906, approved, July 6, 1906, for the perfecting and validating certificates of entry issued by the State of Louisiana which were not paid for in money, but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such certificates of entry; providing that this Act shall not impair or affect the operation of Act No. 62 of 1912; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 224. Relating to contracts for public works; to protect persons doing work, performing labor or furnishing material for the construction, erection, alteration or repair of public buildings, public roads, or public works of any character, etc., etc. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 229. To authorize the Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District to issue and negotiate Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars of six per cent. (6%) twenty-year bonds; to provide the means of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and authorizing the said Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District, from the proceeds of the sale of these bonds, to retire its bonds outstanding. (Nine Sections).

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., * * * * *
the Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District is hereby required, out of the sale of these bonds, to retire the bonds heretofore issued by it, namely, Twenty-five Thous-

and (\$25,000) Dollars of bonds issued under the provisions of Act No. 24 of 1898, approved July 4, 1898, and Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars of bonds issued under the provisions of Act No. 41 of 1900, approved, July 5, 1900".

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Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 230. Regulating the manner and terms on which timber on the property of the State of Louisiana may hereafter be sold; prescribing the duties of certain officers with regard thereto; and repealing all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with or contrary to this Act. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 235. Authorizing and directing the *Board of State Engineers* and the different District Levee Boards of the State of Louisiana, to contract with the General Manager of the State Penitentiary to do any work that said *Board of State Engineers* or the District Levee Boards of the State may have to do, at the minimum price offered by any contractors bidding on the work offered, to such an extent as may be necessary to keep the Penitentiary forces of the State continuously at work. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 237. To amend and re-enact Section 17 of Act No. 49 of 1910, approved June 29, 1910, entitled "An Act to require the *Board of State Engineers* to assume control of State Highways, under certain conditions; to select a State Highway Engineer; to define his powers and duties; to fix his compensation; to authorize the construction and maintenance of highways, by contract or by the Highway Engineer; to provide for the working of convicts on Highways, under certain regulations; to authorize the acquisition, by expropriation or otherwise, of rights-of-way for Highways, drainage canals, or ditches; to provide a revenue for carrying out the objects and purposes of this Act, and to provide for the disbursement thereof; and to require the parishes, cities, towns, and villages to contribute a certain proportion of the costs of constructing and maintaining Highways; defining a State Highway and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act."

(Section 17, as amended, provides for a special fund to be known as "State Highway Fund No. 2, Chef Menteur and Hammond-New Orleans State Highways", etc.) Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 3, 1918.

Act No. 258. (Joint Resolution). Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana, at the Congressional Election to be held in November, 1918, an amendment to the Constitution of the State authorizing corporations formed or to be formed, under the laws of this State, for the purpose of constructing and operating canals for irrigation and navigation, as well as plants for the generation and distribution of hydro-electric power, to utilize the waters of the navigable streams of the State, under such *regulations* as may be prescribed by the *Board of State Engineers* for such purposes, etc., etc. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 5, 1918.

Act No. 273. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 13 of the Extra Session of 1915, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act No. 144 of 1888, as amended by Act No. 60 of 1910", Granting additional powers to the Board of Control of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and authorizing, in certain cases and under certain conditions, the issuance of bonds and certificates of indebtedness. Approved, July 11, 1918. Promulgated, August 5, 1918.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1918.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Extra Session Begun and Held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Fifth Day of August, 1918.

Act No. 7. To empower any public body created by the laws or Constitution of the State of Louisiana, to modify or amend, by mutual consent, any contract or agreement awarded by it to any individual, firm or corporation, *within six months* prior to the declaration of war by the United States against Germany; to provide for the receipt and filing of complaints by those asking for relief, and providing for the giving of public notice that a public hearing will be had on such application, at a certain time and place; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act. Approved, August 13, 1918. Promulgated, August 20, 1918.

Act No. 13. (Resolution). Preamble and Resolution. Directing that a Commission to be known as the Louisiana State Housing Commission shall be created, to be composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, and who shall be selected, one from
 * * * * * one from the *Board of State Engineers*, etc.,
 Approved, August 15, 1918. Promulgated, August 22, 1918.

Act No. 17. To amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 109 of 1904, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 238 of 1914, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 7 of Act No. 109 of 1904, approved July 4, 1904" entitled "An Act to create the Red River and Bayou des Glaizes Levee and Drainage District of the State of Louisiana; to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners to govern the same, etc., etc."

(Section 7, as amended, authorizes and empowers the Board of Commissioners to levy annually a local assesment or forced contribution not exceeding seven and one-half cents on each and every acre of land within the District, and Sixty Dollars per mile on railroad lines within the District, etc., etc. Approved, August 15, 1918. Promulgated, August 22, 1918.

Act No. 18. To provide for the laying out, constructing and maintenance of the Chef Menteur and Hammond-New Orleans State Highways, etc., etc. Approved, August 15, 1918. Promulgated, August 22, 1918.

Act No. 21. To provide for and protect the Coast, Geodetic and Geological, and other surveys authorized by the Congress of the United States in the State of Louisiana, and to provide penalties. Approved, August 15, 1918. Promulgated, August 22, 1918.

APPENDICES.

1. Southeast Arkansas Levee District, (Extract from Act of Incorporation).
2. Copy of parts of United States Flood Control Act, relating to the Mississippi Valley.
3. Opinion of Honorable A. V. Coco, Attorney General, State of Louisiana, in regard to the extent of the powers and authority of the Federal Government to enter upon and appropriate riparian lands for levee purposes.
4. Extracts from Revised Statutes.
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7. The Board of State Engineers of Louisiana, (Synopsis). How appointed. Term of office. Powers, duties, etc.
8. Map of Louisiana and a part of Arkansas, showing location and limits of Levee Districts—United States and Local, etc.

SESSION OF 1917.**The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas.**

Act No. 83. An Act to create the Southeast Arkansas Levee District, with right to borrow money and issue evidences of debt. (Thirty Sections).

“Section 2. The object of this Act is the protection of the people, their land and personal property, railroads, tramroads, telephone, telegraph and electric light and power lines, and all other property from the overflow waters of the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers, by a system of levee building, constructing and enlarging and maintaining the same along the banks of the Mississippi River and as far up and along the banks of the Arkansas River as is necessary to get the relief sought by this Act, and to this end the Board of Directors of the Southeast Arkansas Levee District as hereafter set out shall have such powers as are necessary to carry out the scheme of protection sought to be accomplished, in *co-operation* with the *Mississippi River Commission*, and the *Tensas Basin Levee Board of Louisiana*”.

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“Section 6. The said Levee Board shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to construct, enlarge and maintain levees along the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers in accordance with this Act, etc., etc.”

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“Provided, whenever possible, said work shall be done either under the supervision of the *Engineers* of the *Mississippi River Commission* or under the supervision of the *State Board of Engineers of Louisiana*”. Approved, February 14, 1917. Promulgated, April 23, 1917.

UNITED STATES FLOOD CONTROL ACT.

Ever since the organization of the Mississippi River Commission, in 1879, it has been recognized that, for the ultimate accomplishment of concrete results, in building and maintaining a comprehensive levee system for the Valley, some form of procedure establishing the availability of continuous annual appropriations, in sufficient given amounts, was imperative.

After years of struggle, with uncertain and tentative aid from the Government, in the form of appropriations under the annual Rivers and Harbors Act, the United States Flood Control Act finally became a law.

This Act, as far as the Mississippi Valley in general, and the State of Louisiana in particular, is concerned, reads as follows, viz:

“PUBLIC—N. 367—64th CONGRESS.

“H. R. 14777.

“An Act to Provide for the Control of the Floods of the Mississippi River and of the Sacramento River, California, and for Other Purposes.

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for controlling the floods of the Mississippi River and continuing its improvement from the Head of the Passes to the mouth of the Ohio River the Secretary of War is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to carry on continuously, by hired labor or otherwise, the plans of the Mississippi River Commission heretofore or hereafter adopted, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate \$45,000,000; Provided, That no more than \$10,000,000 shall be expended therefor during any one fiscal year.

“(a) All money appropriated under the authority of this section shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War in accordance with the plans, specifications, and recommendations of the Mississippi River Commission as approved by the Chief of Engineers, for controlling the floods and for the general improvement of the Mississippi River, and for surveys, including the survey from the Head of the Passes to the head-waters of the river, and a survey of the Atchafalaya Outlet so far as may be necessary to determine the cost of protecting its basin from the flood waters of the Mississippi River either by its diversion from the Mississippi River or by other means, and for salaries, clerical, office, traveling, and miscellaneous expenses of the Mississippi River Commission.

“(b) That no money appropriated under authority of this section shall be expended in the construction or repair of any levee unless and until assurances have been given satisfactory to the commission that local interests protected thereby will contribute for such construction and repair a sum which the commission shall determine to be just and equitable but which shall not be less than one-half of such sum as may have been allotted by the commission for such work: Provided, That such contribu-

tions shall be expended under the direction of the commission, or in such manner as it may require or approve, but no contribution made by any State or levee district shall be expended in any other State or levee district except with the approval of the authorities of the State or district so contributing.

“(c) Any funds which may hereafter be appropriated under authority of this Act for improving the Mississippi River between the Head of the Passes and the mouth of the Ohio River, and which may be allotted to levees, may be expended upon any part of said river between the Head of the Passes and Rock Island, Illinois.

“(d) No money appropriated under authority of this Act shall be expended in payment for any right of way for any levee which may be constructed in co-operation with any State or levee district under authority of this Act, but all such rights of way shall be provided free of cost to the United States: Provided, That no money paid or expense incurred by any State or levee district in securing such rights of way, or in any temporary works of emergency during an impending flood, or for the maintenance of any levee line, shall be computed as a part of the contribution of such State or levee district toward the construction or repair of any levee within the meaning of paragraph (b) of this section.

“That the watercourses connected with the Mississippi River to such extent as may be necessary to exclude the flood waters from the upper limits of any delta basin, together with the Ohio River from its mouth to the mouth of the Cache River, may, in the discretion of said commission, receive allotments for improvements now under way or hereafter to be undertaken.

“Upon the completion of any levee constructed for flood control under authority of this Act, said levee shall be turned over to the levee district protected thereby for maintenance thereafter; but for all other purposes the United States shall retain such control over the same as it may have the right to exercise upon such completion.”

SACRAMENTO RIVER, CALIFORNIA.

“GENERAL PROVISIONS.

“Sec. 3. That all the provisions of existing law relating to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement of rivers and harbors shall apply, so far as applicable, to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement relating to flood control. And all expenditures of funds hereafter appropriated for works and projects relating to flood control shall be

made in accordance with and subject to the law governing the disbursement and expenditures of funds appropriated for the improvement of rivers and harbors.

"All examinations and surveys of projects relating to flood control shall include a comprehensive study of the watershed or watersheds, and the report thereon in addition to any other matter upon which a report is required shall give such data as it may be practicable to secure in regard to (a) the extent and character of the area to be affected by the proposed improvement; (b) the probable effect upon any navigable water or waterway; (c) the possible economical development and utilization of water power; and (d) such other uses as may be properly related to or co-ordinated with the project. And the heads of the several departments of the Government may, in their discretion, and shall upon the request of the Secretary of War, detail representatives from their respective departments to assist the Engineers of the Army in the study and examination of such watersheds, to the end that duplication of work may be avoided and the various services of the Government economically co-ordinated therein; Provided, That all reports on preliminary examinations hereafter authorized, together with the report of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors thereon and the separate report of the representative of any other department, shall be submitted to the Secretary of War by the Chief of Engineers, with his recommendations, and shall be transmitted by the Secretary of War to the House of Representatives and are hereby ordered to be printed when so made.

"In the consideration of all works and projects relating to flood control which may be submitted to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors for consideration and recommendation, said board shall, in addition to any other matters upon which it may be required to report, state its opinion as to (a) what Federal interest, if any, is involved in the proposed improvement; (b) what share of the expense, if any, should be borne by the United States; and (c) the advisability of adopting the project.

"All examinations and reports which may now be made by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors upon request of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors relating to works or projects of navigation shall in like manner be made upon request of the Committee on Flood Control on all works and projects relating to flood control.

"Sec. 4. That the salary of the civilian members of the Mississippi River Commission shall hereafter be \$5,000 per annum."

"Approved, March 1, 1917."

**OPINION OF HON. A. V. COCO, ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
STATE OF LOUISIANA.**

State of Louisiana, Department of Justice. Offices of the Attorney General, New Court Building.

New Orleans, La., 2nd October, 1919.

Honorable Frank M. Kerr,
Chief State Engineer,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 20th ult., in which you ask my opinion as to the authority of the Federal Government under Article 240 of the Constitution of Louisiana to exercise the powers vested in Levee Boards and the *Board of State Engineers* to enter upon and appropriate lands bordering upon the Mississippi River and its tributary streams within the State, in the location and construction of levees and other public works.

You state that there has recently arisen in certain quarters a question as to the extent of the authority of the United States Government to locate levees and appropriate lands necessary for their construction, as is vested in the *Board of State Engineers*, or whether the United States Government would have to go through the form provided by law to expropriate the right-of-way for the construction of such levees.

The Article of the Constitution referred to provides that when the Federal Government shall assume the permanent control of levees, it shall also provide the ways and means for their maintenance, and shall make such surveys and investigations within the State as may be necessary to carry into effect the Act of Congress providing for the Mississippi River Commission for the improvement of said River, and to construct and protect such public works and improvements as may be ordered by Congress under the provisions of said Act.

In my opinion the authority thus conferred in the Federal Government by this Constitutional provision carries with it the right of use and appropriation of such lands as border upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries for the purpose of carrying out the project outlined in the Act of Congress above referred to, and of the Mississippi River Commission acting under the powers conferred upon it by Congress; that such works are common or public, under the purview of Articles 664-665 of the Civil Code, and may be constructed and main-

tained under the right or servitude imposed by said Articles, that is, for public or common utility, and relate to the space which is to be left for the public use by the adjacent proprietors on the shores of navigable rivers, and for the making and repairing of levees, roads and other public or common works.

The State, by agencies appointed for that purpose, to-wit: levee boards, and the *Board of State Engineers*, locate these levees and determine the mode and place of building them, and the riparian owners must submit, and in my opinion the Mississippi River Commission occupies the same relation to the State as does its levee boards and *Board of Engineers*, and becomes an agency of the State in levee construction, and in the revetment or other improvements of the Mississippi River and its tributaries within the State, under the provisions of the Article of the Constitution above quoted.

In the case of *Peart vs. Meeker*, President, etc., 45th La. Ann., 421, the Court held:

“Under Art. 665 of the Civil Code, riparian property on navigable rivers is subject to a servitude or easement imposed by law for the public utility, authorizing the State, under proper laws, to appropriate the space required for the making of levees and roads; that, in locating and building levees, the State does not expropriate property, but lawfully appropriates it to a use to which it is subject under the title itself; that in so doing she acts, not under the power of eminent domain, but in the exercise of her police power; that laws, constitutional or statutory, concerning expropriation of property and requiring compensation therefor, have no application to property legitimately taken for levee purposes; and that private injury resulting therefrom is *damnum abseque injuria*.”

The authority of the Levee Board and of the *Board of Engineers* in locating levees and in building them is jurisdictional and is not subject to review by the courts of this State unless for palpable abuse, and this could as well be said of the authority conferred by the general government to take charge of the construction and maintenance of levees and the construction of other public works along our navigable waterways.

For the reasons above given, I think that the Federal Government has all the powers possessed by the State in the location, survey and construction of levees, and their maintenance, and other improvements upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and that such agencies as may be selected and appointed by Federal legislation for such purpose have full authority to locate, survey and trace out such works, and for

that purpose may appropriate such land as may be necessary without having to resort to proceedings usually invoked for the purpose of expropriating property for public use.

Trusting that the above is a full answer to your inquiry, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A. V. COCO,
Attorney General.

REVISED STATUTES, 1856.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Art. 130. There shall be a Board of Public Works. State shall be divided into four Districts, containing as nearly as may be an equal number of voters—one Commissioner to be elected from each.

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Art. 134. * * * * *

Section 3. The *State Engineer* shall have power to appoint and remove, at will, all officers necessary to carry on the Public Works. Salaries of Superintendents, etc. Duties and powers of *State Engineers* "To make such surveys and examinations as may be ordered by the Legislature, or required for the public service, he being required to furnish an account of the cost of each survey and examination thus made, to the succeeding Legislature.

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Section 7. Road and Levee Fund Created. Of what it shall consist: "The unexpended balance, together with all that may hereafter be received from the five per centum of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands of the United States, in this State, appropriated by the Fifth Section of an Act of Congress, approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eleven, for Roads and Levees, etc."

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Section 9. State divided into Internal Improvement Districts, to-wit, "All that part of the State of Louisiana lying East of the Mississippi River, shall compose the First District; the Ouachita and Blue (Black) Rivers and their tributaries, and all the country lying between them and the Mississippi River shall form the

Second District; the Red and its tributaries, and the Sabine and its tributaries, shall form the Third District; the Fourth District shall consist of all that part of the State west of the Mississippi and south of Red River."

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LEVEES.

Section 108. Whoever *shall* wilfully and maliciously cut, alter, break down, or destroy in any manner whatsoever, any levee or embankment on the Mississippi River, or any other navigable river or waters of this State, or shall aid or abet any person in so doing, shall, on conviction, be imprisoned at hard labor not more than fourteen years and fined not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars.

Section 109. Whoever shall wilfully and maliciously *attempt* to cut, alter or break, pull down or destroy, in any manner whatsoever, any levee or embankment on the Mississippi River, or any other navigable river of this State, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary not exceeding two years and fined not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars.

Section 110. Any person cutting, altering or breaking *without* any *authority*, or aiding and abetting any person in the act of cutting, altering or breaking *without proper authority*, levees, canals, or other works made to protect the City of New Orleans from overflow, shall, on conviction, be condemned to suffer imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, nor less than one year.

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Section 114. Whoever shall make, or cause to be made, any cut-off in the Mississippi River, without authority of law, on conviction shall be fined not less than One Hundred, nor more than One Thousand Dollars, and imprisoned not less than one week nor more than twelve months in the parish jail.

Section 115. It shall not be lawful to stop any outlet or natural bayou of the Mississippi River; should any such be closed, the opening of it may at any time be ordered by the *State Engineer*; and any person who may have caused the closing of such outlet or bayou, shall be liable for all expenses necessary for the re-opening of the same, and on conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand, nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars. This Section shall not apply to bayous already closed or that may hereafter be opened by crevasses.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION.

Art. 128. None of the land granted by Congress to the State of Louisiana for aiding it in constructing the necessary levees and drains, to reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed Lands in this State, shall be diverted from the purposes for which they were granted.

LEVEEING AND DRAINING THE SWAMP AND OVERFLOWED LANDS.

Section 1. State to be divided into four "Levee and Drainage Districts."

Section 2. Districts, how formed.

All that part of the State south of the Thirty-first Degree of North Latitude, and east of the Mississippi River, shall constitute the First District. All of that part of the State south of the Thirty-first Degree of North Latitude and west of the Mississippi River, (except the Parishes of Rapides and Avoyelles) shall constitute the Second District.

The Parishes of Avoyelles, Rapides, Natchitoches, Bienville, Claiborne, Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Sabine and Winn shall constitute the Third District.

The Parishes of Concordia, Tensas, Madison, Carroll, Morehouse, Union, Ouachita, Jackson, Caldwell, Franklin and Catahoula shall constitute the Fourth District.

Section 3. Commissioners for each District shall be appointed by the Governor.

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Section 8. An Engineer for each District shall be appointed by the Commissioners.

Section 9. Compensation of Engineers: Twenty-five Hundred Dollars each, payable quarterly.

Section 10. Duty of Engineers: Each, in his respective District, to determine the locality, extent and dimensions of the necessary levees and drains, to drain and reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed Lands of the State.

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Section 12. Levees to be built or repaired under the supervision of the parochial authorities.

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Section 16. Road and Levee Inspectors to call out hands, etc.

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Section 24. Commissioners and Engineers shall not be interested in contracts.

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To provide for the sale of one million acres of the Swamp and Overflowed Lands.

Section 29. Register authorized to sell warrants for one million acres of land. For what quantity of land said warrants may be sold—not more than one hundred and sixty, nor less than forty acres. Certain shallow lakes may be sold. Minimum price—not less than One Dollar and Twenty-five cents per acre.

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Section 32. The net proceeds from the sales of the Swamp and Overflowed lands shall be held by the State as a Special Fund, to be applied to such leveeing and draining as may be necessary for the reclamation of the Swamp and Overflowed Lands, in conformity with the terms of donation.

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OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

Section 35. Trespass on lands belonging to the State.

Whoever shall cut down or destroy, or remove for sale the timber on any land belonging to the State, shall, upon conviction, be condemned to pay a fine of not less than Fifty, nor more than One Thousand Dollars, etc. It shall be the duty of the Registers of the State Land Offices, of the Swamp Land Commissioners, and of the Swamp Land Engineers to report all trespassers, etc.

ROADS AND LEVEES.

Powers of Police Juries as to Roads and Levees.

Sec. 1. Police Juries to have control of roads, levees and bridges, etc.

Roads and levees in the Parishes on the Mississippi River and bayous leading therefrom.

Sec. 5. Levees to be made by the riparian owners; dimensions of levees.

Sec. 6. Distance from river bank.

Sec. 9. Earth, where to be taken from (river side).

Sec. 17. Works and repairs on levees, roads, etc., when to be begun and finished.

Sec. 46. Works outside of levees to be removed.

Sec. 47. Owners of lands may protect themselves by levees.

Sec. 48. Penalty for damaging levees.

- Sec. 50. Levee District comprising parishes of Carroll, Madison and Catahoula.
- Sec. 56. Levee tax to be common fund.
- Sec. 57. Board of Levee Commissioners.
- Sec. 77. Levees, when to be completed.
- Sec. 81. Levees, how made; may be adopted as part of General System.
- Sec. 84. Levee District—Tensas Parish.
- Sec. 86. Two Commissioners for each ward.
- Sec. 89. Contracts for making levees.
- Sec. 96. Levees in Ascension and St. James.
- Sec. 104. Expenses to be paid by owner of the land.
- Sec. 107. Parish of Rapides to be divided into levee districts.
- Sec. 108. Levee Commissioners to be appointed; duties, etc.
- Sec. 111. Levee fund.
- Sec. 115. Police Jury to have power to establish levee boards, etc., in the Parish of Catahoula, etc.
- Sec. 118. Powers granted Police Juries of Concordia and Ouachita relative to roads and levees.
- Sec. 121. Powers of Police Juries relative to roads and levees in the Parishes of Ascension, St. James, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Plaquemines, Assumption, Lafourche, and Sabine.
- Sec. 126. Powers of Police Jury of Pointe Coupee Parish as to roads and levees.
- Sec. 173. Roads and levees in the Parish of St. Bernard, to be kept up by the proprietors.
- Sec. 180. Levees in the Parish of Plaquemines. How built.
- Sec. 190. Levees in the unincorporated parts of the Parish of Orleans; how kept up.

SURVEYORS.

Section 1. Surveyor General and Parish Surveyors to be appointed by the Governor, for each Parish, except the Parishes of St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne, etc.

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Section 3. The Surveyor General shall receive an annual salary of Six Hundred Dollars. He may appoint one or more deputies at his own expense and responsibility.

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Section 13. Surveyor for East Baton Rouge authorized to act in Iberville.

Section 14. Surveyor for St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne, shall be nominated, and by and with the advice of the Senate, commissioned by the Governor, etc.

REVISED STATUTES, 1870.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Section 1500. How appointed. Qualifications and compensation.

COMMISSIONER OF DRAINAGE IN ORLEANS AND JEFFERSON.

Section 1665. Commissioner of Drainage shall be appointed by the Governor. Qualifications. Term of office, etc.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Section 2916. Land Office established at the seat of Government.

Section 2917. Appointment of Register by the Governor, term of office, etc.

Section 2923. Salary of the Register. Six Thousand Dollars per annum.

Section 2929. Register authorized to sell warrants for one million acres of land (swamp and overflowed lands)—Act approved March 15, 1855—donated by Acts of Congress of second March, 1849, and twenty-eight September, 1850, etc. Certain shallow lakes may be sold. Minimum price, One Dollar and Twenty-five cents per acre.

Section 2933. Proceeds of sale of swamp lands, how to be applied—"to such leveeing and draining as may be necessary for the reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands, in conformity with the terms of donation."

*TRESPASSES UPON LANDS BELONGING TO THE
STATE.*

Section 2967. Penalty for trespass upon such lands.

Section 2968. Duty of Register in such cases.

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GRADUATION OF THE PRICE OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Section 2970. Prices of public lands in certain parishes, etc.

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Section 2971. Quantity of land that may be entered—not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres.

Section 2972. Lands in certain parishes (U. S. Land Districts north of Red River) included.

Section 2973. Lands subject to graduation (The Public Lands donated by Congress to the State of Louisiana, and which are "subject to regular tidal overflow," designated as swamp and overflowed lands, etc). Minimum price, twenty-five cents per acre.

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Section 2984. Sale of public lands suspended under certain circumstances due to late Civil War.

Section 2984. Offices of State Surveyor General and of Register and Receiver of the branch Land Office at Winnsborough, La., abrogated, and records and duties thereof transferred to and imposed upon the Register of the State Land Office.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Section 3006. Board of Public Works, how appointed. Qualifications and compensation.

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Section 3008. The First District shall comprise all that portion of the State east of the Mississippi River.

Section 3009. The Second District shall comprise all that portion of the State between the rivers Mississippi and Atchafalaya, and from the northern line of Parish of Pointe Coupee to the Gulf of Mexico.

Section 3010. The Third District shall comprise all that portion of the State bounded on the north by the Parishes of Sabine, Natchitoches and Red River, on the east by the rivers Red and Atchafalaya, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico, and on the west by the Texas State line.

Section 3011. The Fourth District shall comprise the Parishes of Caddo, Bossier, De Soto, Claiborne, Sabine, Natchitoches, Winn, Catahoula and those portions of the Parishes of Rapides and Avoyelles lying north of Red River.

Section 3012. The Fifth District shall consist of the Parishes of Union, Morehouse, Jackson, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, Franklin and Caldwell.

Section 3013. Appointment of Engineers—one for each District, the appointee for the District in which the Parish of Orleans is situated to act as *Chief Engineer*, under the direction of the Board. Salaries, etc.: Chief, \$5,000.00 per annum; other engineers, \$3,000.00 per annum, and fifteen cents per mile for all distances traveled.

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Section 3019. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to molest, break or injure in any manner any gates, locks, or dams on the public works belonging to the State of Louisiana, or to any Parish or Corporation in said State.

Section 3020. Penalty.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Section 3021. A fund shall be created, to be denominated "The Internal Improvement Fund," to be applied exclusively to the purposes of rendering navigable and uniting by canals the principal water courses, and of more intimately connecting by public highways the different parts of the State.

Section 3022. This fund shall consist of the unexpended balance in the Treasury, together with all that may hereafter be received from the proceeds of the public lands granted to this State by Act of Congress, approved September the Fourth, Eighteen Hundred and Forty-one.

ROAD AND LEVEE FUND.

Section 3023. Road and Levee Fund created. Shall be expended for the sole purpose of making roads and levees.

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LEVEES.

Section 3025. Works outside of the levee to be removed.

Section 3026. Owners of lands may protect themselves by levees, "but the natural drains and servitudes shall not be obstructed to the injury of any adjoining plantations or lands."

Section 3027. Penalty for in any way cutting, or otherwise damaging, or destroying any levee, etc.

Section 3028. The two preceding Sections not to apply to the Parishes of Concordia, Tensas, Madison and Carroll.

Section 3029. Police Juries shall construct temporary levees, and for such purpose are authorized to call out all citizens subject to road duty to work on said levees, etc.

Section 3030. Penalty for failure to work on levees when notified.

Section 3031. Compensation for work on levees: One Dollar per day and rations.

REVISED STATUTES, 1876.

POLICE JURIES.

Their Powers, Duties, etc.

Section 2743. The Police Juries shall have power to make all such regulations as they may deem expedient:

First. For their own government.

Second. As to the proportion and direction, the making and repairing of the roads, bridges, causeways, *dikes, levees* and other highways.

Third. For the clearing of the banks of the Mississippi River and of other navigable streams, for the purpose of securing a free passage for boats and other small crafts, and for the tow lines of the same.

Thirteenth. To cause to be opened in any town, suburb, or other place divided into house lots, or when a point of land on the Mississippi River or other water course shall be divided among several proprietors, such ancient drains as have been obstructed by the owners of adjacent lands, etc.

Eighteenth. To appoint parish syndics, and overseers of roads and *levees*, etc.

Section 2744. Taxes to be levied and appropriations made only by a majority of all the members elected.

SPECIAL TAX FOR LEVEES.

Nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to prevent Police Juries in the River Parishes from levying a special tax on land for the construction and support of *levees*.

Section 2757. Penalty for failure to work on *levees* when notified.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Land Office at the Seat of Government.

Section 2916. Land Office established at seat of Government.

Section 2917. Register shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, etc.

Section 2923. Salary of Register: Six Thousand Dollars per annum, payable quarterly, etc.

Provision for the sale and location of one million acres of Swamp and Overflowed Lands.

Section 2929. Register authorized to sell, etc. Warrants to be issued for not more than six hundred and forty, nor less than forty acres, etc.

Certain shallow lakes may be sold—minimum price—One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents per acre.

Trespasses upon Lands belonging to the State.

Section 2967. Penalty for trespassing on lands belonging to the State: Trespassers shall pay a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding one year.

Section 2968. Duty of Register to render such information as may tend to convict, etc.

Graduation of the Price of Public Lands.

Section 2970. The price of public lands situated in certain Parishes—Claiborne, Bienville, Jackson, Union, Winn, Washington, St. Helena and St. Tammany—how graduated, etc.

Section 2971. Quantity of land that may be entered—not more than three hundred and twenty acres, etc.

Section 2973. The public lands donated by Congress to the State of Louisiana, and which are subject to regular tidal overflow designated as "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," within the intent and meaning of the several Acts of Congress relating thereto, and which have been approved and patented to the State of Louisiana by the General Government as "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," shall be subject to entry and sale at Twenty-five Cents per acre; provided, etc.

Section 2974. Graduating scale for swamp lands in certain Parishes—Bossier, De Soto, Sabine, Claiborne and Natchi-

toches—offered for sale for certain number of years—five years and upwards—shall be subject to entry and sale at the price of Seventy-five Cents per acre, etc.

Section 2975. Number of acres allowed to be entered by each individual or corporation—not more than three hundred and twenty acres.

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Section 2984. Sale of such lands as have already been entered by any parties since the outbreak of the Civil War, suspended, etc.

Section 2985. Land Office at Winnsborough abolished, etc.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Sec. 3006. Board of Public Works. How appointed. Qualifications and compensation.

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Secs. 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011 and 3012, establishing boundaries or limits of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, respectively.

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Sec. 3013. Appointment of Engineers—five—Engineer appointed for the district in which the parish of Orleans is situated, designated as "Chief Engineer"—others, Assistant Engineers.

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Sec. 3015. Duty of Board to cause all proper surveys made and to build and repair all levees, etc.

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Sec. 3019. Prohibiting the "breaking of the gates, etc.," on public works.

Sec. 3020. Penalty for violation of provisions of Act.

Sec. 3021. "Internal Improvement Fund," to be applied exclusively to the purposes of rendering navigable and uniting by canals the principal water courses, and of more intimately connecting by public highways the different parts of the State.

Sec. 3022. Of what the said funds shall consist: "The unexpended balance in the Treasury, together with all that may hereafter be received from the proceeds of the public lands granted to this State by Act of Congress, approved September 4th, 1841."

ROAD AND LEVEE FUND.

Sec. 3023. Road and Levee Fund created; of what it shall consist: "The unexpended balance, together with all that may hereafter be received from the five per centum of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands of the United States in this State, appropriated by the Fifth Section of an Act of Congress, approved February 16th, 1811, for roads and levees, etc."

LEVEES.

Sec. 3025. Works between line of public levee and banks of the Mississippi River to be removed, etc.

Sec. 3026. Owners of lands may, under certain restrictions, protect themselves by levees.

Sec. 3027. Penalty for cutting, damaging or destroying any levee, etc.

Sec. 3028. Two preceeding sections not to apply to the parishes of Concordia, Tensas, Madison and Carroll.

Sec. 3029. Police Juries shall construct temporary levees, proviso, etc.

Sec. 3030. Penalty for failure to work on levees when notified.

Sec. 3031. Compensation to citizens required to work on the levees, etc.

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SURVEYOR.

Section 3740. A Surveyor, for each Parish in the State, shall be nominated by and with the consent of the Senate, and commissioned by the Governor, who shall reside in the Parish of his appointment, etc.

Section 3741. Qualifications of the Surveyor General.

Section 3742. Salary of the Surveyor General: Six Hundred Dollars per annum.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, 1870.

Act No. 148. The ordinance of Secession of the State of Louisiana, passed twenty-sixth January, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one is hereby declared to be null and void. The Constitution adopted in Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four and all previous Constitutions in the State of Louisiana are declared to be superseded by this Constitution.

Act No. 149. All rights, actions, prosecutions, claims, contracts, and all laws in force at the time of the adoption of this Constitution and not inconsistent therewith shall continue as if it had not been adopted, etc. * * * * *

except the following laws:

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"An Act to authorize the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Levee District in the parishes of Madison and Carroll, to issue bonds," etc., approved March 28th, 1867.

REVISED LAWS OF LOUISIANA, 1870.

Sec. 318. *Batture.*

"Whenever the riparian owner of any property in the incorporated towns or cities in this State is entitled to the right of accretion, and batture has been formed in front of his land more than is necessary for public use, which the corporation withholds from him, he shall have the right to institute suit against the corporation for so much of the batture as may not be necessary for public use, and if it be determined by the Court that any portion of it be not necessary for public use, it shall decree that the owner is entitled to the property, and shall compel the corporation to permit him to enjoy the use and ownership of such portion of it."

Offenses against property.

Sec. 831. "From and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to molest, break or injure in any manner any gates, locks, or dams on the public works belonging to the State of Louisiana, or to any parish or corporation in said State."

"Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined in a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars, or imprisonment for not more than six months in the parish jail, or both, at the discretion of the Court."

Land Office.

Sec. 1663. The Register shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall

hold his office for the term of two years, unless sooner removed. He shall have an annual salary of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars; and shall, in addition thereto, receive the same fees from purchasers, and the same perquisites of office, as are now allowed to the Register of the United States Government in the State of Louisiana."

Sec. 1664. "He shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and give bond in favor of the Governor of Louisiana with two good and sufficient sureties (in solido) in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of Register as defined by law, etc."

Sec. 1665. "There shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Commissioner to be known as the 'Commissioner of Drainage,' who shall be a resident of the parish of Orleans or Jefferson, on the left bank of the Mississippi River, etc."

Police Jury—The powers, duties, etc.

Sec. 2743. The Police Juries shall have power to make all such regulations as they may deem expedient.

First. For their own government.

Second. "As to the proportion and direction, the making and repairing of the roads, bridges, causeways, dikes, levees and other highways.

Third. "For clearing the banks of the Mississippi River and other navigable streams, for the purpose of securing a free passage for boats and other small crafts, and for the tow lines of the same.

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Thirteenth. "To cause to be opened in any town, suburb, or other place divided into house lots, or when a point of land on the Mississippi or other water course shall be divided among several proprietors, such ancient natural drains as have been obstructed by the owners of the adjacent lands, and to prescribe the mode to be observed in that respect, etc."

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Seventeenth. "To sue any person for whose account levees, roads, etc., may have been made or repaired at the expense of the parish, and to obtain the re-imbursement of said amount, by privilege on the land subject to the said works.

Eighteenth. "To appoint parish syndics, and overseers of roads and levees, etc."

Sec. 2744 * * * * *

"Nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to prevent Police Juries in the river parishes from levying a special tax on lands for the construction and support of levees."

Sec. 2750. "The Police Juries of all the parishes in this State are authorized to pass all such ordinances as they may deem necessary, relative to roads and levees, bridges and ditches, and to impose such fines and penalties, etc."

Sec. 2756. "The Police Juries of the several parishes subject to overflow are hereby authorized and required to have temporary levees made in their respective parishes, and for this purpose they are hereby empowered to call out all citizens subject to road duty to work on such levees; Provided, That they shall not require more than six days' work on any or all such levees from each or any of said citizens."

Sec. 2784. "The several justices of the peace throughout the State, except in the incorporated cities, are hereby authorized and empowered to take cognizance of and exercise jurisdiction over all infractions of the levee laws, etc."

Parish of Orleans, Right Bank.

Sec. 2801. "They shall also have power:

First. * * * * *

Second. "To cause to be removed, at the expense of the owner, all buildings and other incumbrances that may obstruct the levee and river (except ship yards now existing), or that may interfere with the public regulations for the security of the levee and river banks, etc."

Public Lands.

Act of Congress Donating Swamp Lands to Louisiana.

"An Act to aid the State of Louisiana in draining the Swamp Lands therein.

Section 1. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, to aid the State of Louisiana in constructing the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands therein, the whole of those swamp and overflowed lands, which may be or are found unfit for cultivation, shall be, and the same are hereby granted to that State.

Sec. 2. "Examinations to be made under direction of U. S. Surveyor General, etc. On approval, 'The fee simple to said lands shall vest in the State of Louisiana, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof. Provided, That the proceeds of said lands shall be applied exclusively, as far as necessary, to the construction of the levees and drains aforesaid.' "

Sec. 3. "Lists of lands shall include all legal subdivisions, etc."
Approved, March 2, 1849.

Land Office at the Seat of Government.

Sec. 2916. Land Office, to be administered by Register, to be appointed by Governor, established.

Sec. 2929. Register authorized to sell warrants for one million acres of the swamp and overflowed lands as provided for in Act approved March 15, 1855, etc.

"Any shallow lakes which have become the property of the State, and are susceptible of being reclaimed wholly or in part, and not navigable, the area of which has been ascertained by survey recognized by the State, may also be sold under the provisions of this Section. No lands shall be sold for less than One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents an acre."

Graduation of the Price of Public Lands.

Sees. 2970, 2971, 2972, 2973, 2974 and 2975.

Sec. 2985. "The offices of State Surveyor General and of Register and Receiver of the branch land office at Winnsborough, La., are abrogated, etc."

Public Works.

Sec. 3006. Board of Public Works, how appointed. Qualifications and compensation.

Sec. 3007. Organization.

Sections 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011 and 3012, designate location of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Internal Improvement Districts, respectively.

Sec. 3013. Appointment of Engineers. Chief and four Assistants; salaries, etc.

Sec. 3015. Surveys to be made for levees and other public works and all levees to be built and repaired.

Internal Improvement Fund.

Sec. 3021. "A fund shall be created, to be denominated 'The Internal Improvement Fund,' to be applied exclusively to the purpose of rendering navigable and uniting by canals the principal water courses, and of more intimately connecting by public highways the different parts of the State."

Sec. 3022. "The fund shall consist of the unexpended balance in the Treasury, together with all that may hereafter be received from the proceeds of the public lands granted to this State by Act of Congress, approved September 4th, 1841."

Road and Levee Fund.

Sec. 3023. "The unexpended balance, together with all that may hereafter be received from the five per centum of the

net proceeds of the sales of the public lands of the United States in this State, appropriated by the Fifth Section of an Act of Congress, approved February 16th, 1811, for roads and levees, is set apart for that purpose, to be called 'Road and Levee Fund,' to be expended for the sole purpose of making roads and levees."

Levees.

Sec. 3025. Works outside of the levee to be removed.

Sec. 3026. Owners of lands may protect themselves by levees.

Sec. 3027. Penalty for damaging levees.

Sec. 3028. Sections 3026 and 3027 not to apply to the parishes of Concordia, Tensas, Madison and Carroll.

Sec. 3029. Police Juries shall construct temporary levees, etc.

Sec 3030. Penalty for failure to work on levees when notified.

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
ADOPTED IN CONVENTION AT THE CITY OF
NEW ORLEANS, JULY 23, 1879.**

With amendments approved and ratified by the people on the twenty-second day of April, 1884, and proclaimed by the Governor on the tenth day of May, 1884, to become a part of the Constitution.

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New Canal and Shell Road.

Act No. 180. The New Basin Canal and Shell Road and their appurtenances shall not be leased nor alienated.

The General Assembly, at its first Session after the ratification of this Constitution, shall provide by law for a Superintendent to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Captains and owners of vessels plying in, and of merchants doing business on said canal, to manage the same; and shall enact laws for the regulation, maintenance and management of said canal and shell road; *provided*, dues shall not exceed ten cents per ton on the measurement tonnage of all vessels entering therein. The depth of water in the canal basin and on the bar at the mouth shall be kept at the depth of at least eight feet; *provided*, that all expenses of improving and main-

taining said canal, shell road and appurtenances, including the wages and salaries of employees, shall be paid out of the revenues thereof, and not otherwise.

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REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Articles 209, 210 and 211.

Art. 212. The Legislature shall pass no law postponing the payment of taxes, except in case of overflow, general conflagration, general destruction of the crops, or other public calamity.

Act No. 213. A levee system shall be maintained in the State, and a tax not to exceed one mill may be levied annually on all property subject to taxation, and shall be applied exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of levees.

Act No. 214. The General Assembly may divide the State into levee districts and provide for the appointment or election of levee commissioners in said districts, who shall, in the method and manner to be provided by law, have supervision of the erection, repairs and maintenance of the levee in said districts; to that effect it may levy a tax not to exceed five mills on the taxable property situated within alluvial portions of said districts subject to overflow.

Act No. 215. The provisions of the above two Articles shall cease to have effect whenever the Federal Government shall assume permanent control and provide ways and means for the maintenance of levees in this State. The Federal Government is authorized to make such geological, topographical, hydrographical and hydrometrical surveys and investigations within the State as may be necessary to carry into effect the Act of Congress to provide for the appointment of a Mississippi River Commission for the improvement of said river, from the head of the Passes near its mouth to the head waters, and to construct and protect such public works and improvements as may be ordered by Congress under the provisions of said Act.

Act No. 216. The General Assembly shall have power, with the concurrence of an adjacent State or States, to create levee districts composed of territory partly in this State and partly in such adjacent State or States, and the levee commissioners for such districts shall possess all the powers provided by Article 214 of this Constitution.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
ADOPTED IN CONVENTION AT THE CITY OF
NEW ORLEANS, MAY 12, 1898.**

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Art. 167. Private property shall not be taken nor damaged for public purposes without just and adequate compensation being first paid.

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Art. 191. Prohibits asking, demanding, accepting, receiving, or consenting to receive, by any member of the General Assembly, or public officer, or person elected or appointed to a public office, under the laws of the State, for his own use or benefit, or for the use or benefit of another, any free pass, free transportation, etc., from any person or corporation, etc., and providing for penalties for any violations of Art. 191.

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Art. 195. The New Basin Canal and Shell Road, and their appurtenances, shall not be leased, nor alienated, nor shall the Carondelet Canal and Bayou St. John, and their appurtenances, be leased or alienated when they shall come into the possession of the State.

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Art. 196. Relative to employment of convicts on public roads, or other public works, or convict farms, or in manufactories owned or controlled by the State, etc., etc.

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Art. 223. On the recommendation of the Auditor, or the Police Jury of any parish, the Governor may suspend any officer charged with the collection or custody of public funds, when in arrears.

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Art. 227. The taxing power shall be exercised only to carry on and maintain the government of the State and the public institutions thereof, etc.

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and for levee purposes, as hereinafter provided.

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Art. 232. The State tax on property for all purposes whatever, including expense of government, schools, levees and interest, shall not exceed, in any one year, six mills on the dollar of its assessed valuation, etc.

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no parish, municipal or public board tax for all purposes whatsoever, shall exceed in any one year ten mills on the dollar of valuation, etc.

Art. 233, relative to forfeiture of property for non-payment of taxes, State, Levee District, etc.

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Art. 237. The Legislature shall pass no law postponing the payment of taxes, except in case of overflow, general conflagration, general destruction of crops, or other calamity.

Art. 238. A levee system shall be maintained in the State, and a tax not to exceed one mill may be levied annually on all property subject to taxation, and shall be applied exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of levees.

Art. 239. The General Assembly may divide the State into Levee Districts, etc. * * * * * to that effect the Levee Commissioners may levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of said districts subject to overflow, provided, that in case of necessity to raise additional funds, etc. * * * * * the rate of taxation herein limited, may be increased, when the rate of such increase and the necessity and purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the property tax-payers of such district, etc. * * * * * The Boards of Commissioners of the several Levee Districts, when authorized so to do by the *Board of State Engineers* shall have full power and authority to contract with and permit any steam railroad corporation to construct, maintain, freely use and operate on the public levees, a railroad track or tracks, etc. * * * * * and provided further, that no right or privilege shall be granted to any one or more railroad companies which shall preclude like grants to other companies, etc. * * * * * The several Levee Districts of the State, for the purpose of refunding the bonds heretofore issued by them under authority granted by the Legislature, and in order that they may negotiate to better advantage that portion of their authorized issue of bonds not yet disposed of, may issue bonds in lieu of said bonds outstanding or not yet disposed of, etc. * * * * *

All provisions of this Article are held to apply to the Levee District of which the City of New Orleans forms, or may hereafter form a part; provided, etc.

Art. 240. The provisions of the above Articles shall cease to have effect whenever the Federal Government shall assume permanent control and provide the ways and means for the maintenance of levees in this State. The Federal Government is au-

thorized to make such geological, topographical, hydrographical and hydrometrical surveys and investigations within the State as may be necessary to carry into effect the Act of Congress to provide for the appointment of a Mississippi River Commission for the improvement of said river, etc.

Art. 241. The General Assembly shall have power, with the concurrence of an adjacent State or States, to create Levee Districts composed of territory partly in this State and partly in an adjacent State or States, and the Levee Commissioners for such district or districts shall possess all the powers provided by Article 239 of the Constitution.

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Art. 281. Municipal Corporations, parishes and drainage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, when authorized to do so, etc. * * * may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor to the extent of one-tenth of the assessed valuation of the property within said Municipal Corporation, parish, or drainage district, etc. * * * provided, said taxes so imposed do not exceed five mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation in any one year, nor run for a greater number of years than the number named in the proposition submitted to the taxpayers, etc. * * * , nor shall such bonds run for a longer period than forty years from their date, or bear a greater rate of interest than five per cent. per annum, or be sold by the Municipal Corporation, parish, or drainage district issuing same for less than par, etc.

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Art. 290. Riparian owners of property on navigable rivers, lakes and streams, within any City or town in this State having a population in excess of Five Thousand shall have the right to erect and maintain on the batture or banks owned by them, such wharves, buildings and improvements as may be required for the purposes of commerce and navigation, subject to the following conditions, and not otherwise, to-wit: Such owners shall first obtain the consent of the Council, or other governing authority, and of the Board of Levee Commissioners, within whose municipal or levee district jurisdiction such wharves, etc., * * * are to be erected, etc., * * * provided, that nothing in this Article shall be construed as affecting the right of the State, or of any political subdivision thereof, or of the several Boards of Levee Commissioners to appropriate without compensation such wharves, buildings, and improvements, when necessary for levee purposes * * * .

Art. 294. The *Board of State Engineers* whenever called on so to do, shall furnish the different road districts with plans and specifications for public roads, and such assistance and advice as will tend to create a uniform system of public roads throughout the State * * * * *

Done in Convention, this 27th day of April, 1898.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
ADOPTED IN CONVENTION AT THE CITY OF
BATON ROUGE, NOVEMBER 22, 1913.**

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"Art. 238. A levee system shall be maintained in the State, and a tax not to exceed one mill be levied annually on all property subject to taxation, and shall be applied exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of levees."

"Art. 239. The General Assembly may divide the State into Levee Districts, and provide for the appointment or election of Levee Commissioners in said Districts, who shall in the method and manner to be provided by law, have supervision of the erection, repair, and maintenance of the levees in said district; to that effect the Levee Commissioners may levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of said districts subject to overflow; provided, that in case of necessity to raise additional funds for the purpose of constructing, preserving or repairing said levees protecting the lands of a district, the rate of taxation herein limited, may be increased, when the rate of such increase and the necessity and purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the property taxpayers of such district, paying taxes for themselves, or in any representative capacity, whether resident or non-resident, on property situated within the alluvial portion of said district subject to overflow, and a majority of those in number and value, voting at such election, shall have voted therefor. The Board of Commissioners of the several levee districts, when authorized so to do by the *State Board of Engineers*, shall have full power and authority to contract with and permit any steam railroad corporation to construct, maintain, freely use and operate on the public levees, a railroad track or tracks; the supervision, control and general police power over such levees, however, to remain in and with the several levee boards. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as divesting either the General Assembly or the municipal

government of any incorporated town or city in this State of the jurisdiction, control, or police power now vested in them, or either of them; and provided further, that no right or privilege shall be granted to any one or more railroad companies which shall preclude like grants to other companies willing to contribute pro rata to the common expense incurred or to be incurred".

"The several levee districts of the State, for the purpose of refunding the bonds heretofore issued by them under authority granted by the Legislature, and in order that they may negotiate to better advantage that portion of their authorized issue of bonds not yet disposed of, may issue bonds in lieu of said bonds outstanding or not yet disposed of. The Legislature shall pass an act to carry this provision into effect, but bonds issued under this provision shall not bear a rate of interest greater than five per cent, or be disposed of at less than par, and it shall not be obligatory on the holders of the said outstanding bonds to give up the same in exchange before the maturity thereof."

"All the provisions of this Article are held to apply to the levee districts of which the City of New Orleans forms, or may hereafter form, a part; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as affecting any existing legislation upon the subject of the taxing power of the commissioners of said district".

"Art. 240. The provisions of the above two articles shall cease to have effect whenever the Federal Government shall assume permanent control and provide the ways and means for the maintenance of levees in this State. The Federal Government is authorized to make such geological, topographical, hydrographical and hydrometrical surveys and investigations within the State as may be necessary to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the appointment of a Mississippi River Commission, for the improvement of said river, from the head of the Passes near its mouth to the headwaters, and to construct and protect such public works and improvements as may be ordered by Congress under the provisions of said act."

"Art. 241. The General Assembly shall have power, with the concurrence of an adjacent State or States, to create levee districts composed of territory in this State and partly in an adjacent State or States, and the Levee Commissioners for such district or districts shall possess all the powers provided by Art. 239 of this Constitution."

RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

"Art. 290. Riparian owners of property on navigable rivers, lakes, and streams, within any city or town in this State having a population in excess of five thousand shall have the right to

erect and maintain on the batture or banks owned by them, such wharves, buildings and improvements as may be required for the purposes of commerce and navigation, subject to the following conditions, and not otherwise, to-wit: Such owners shall first obtain the consent of the council, or other governing authority, and of the Board of Levee Commissioners, within whose municipal or levee district jurisdiction such wharves, buildings and improvements are to be erected, and such consent having been obtained, shall erect the same in conformity to plans and specifications which shall have been first submitted to, and approved by, the engineer of such council, or other governing authority; and when so erected, such wharves, buildings, and improvements shall be, and remain, subject to the administration and control of such council, or other governing authority, with respect to their maintenance and to the fees and charges to be exacted for their use by the public, whenever any fee or charge is authorized to be and is made; and shall be and remain subject to the control of such Board of Levee Commissioners, in so far as may be necessary for the maintenance and administration of the levees in its jurisdiction. The council, or other governing authority, shall have the right to expropriate such wharves, buildings and improvements, whenever necessary for public purposes, upon reimbursing the owner the cost of construction, less such depreciation as may have resulted from time and decay; such reimbursement, however, in no case to exceed the actual market value of the property. Provided, that nothing in this article shall be construed as affecting the right of the State, or of any political subdivision thereof, or of the several Boards of Levee Commissioners to appropriate without compensation such wharves, buildings, and improvements, when necessary for levee purposes".

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE
OF LOUISIANA, ADOPTED BY THE ELECTORS OF
THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, AT THE CONGRESS-
IONAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER
7, 1916.**

Act No. 115. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to Article 48 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the limitation of legislative powers, by adding the words, "river improvement districts, harbor improvement districts, and navigation districts" to the proviso, etc., etc.

(The above amendment was No. 18, on the official ballot, and was duly carried, etc.)

Approved, July 5, 1916.

Act No. 134. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of 1913, authorizing and empowering the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, or its successor, to fund its indebtedness and issue notes therefor, serially or otherwise, not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, etc., etc.

Approved, July 5, 1916.

(The above amendment was No. 17 on the official ballot and was duly carried, etc.)

Act No. 203. (Joint Resolution). Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the powers of the Board of Levee Commissioners for the Orleans Levee District, extending the same to empower said Board to construct and maintain levees and embankments along, over and in the bed of Lake Pontchartrain, at such distance from the present shore lines as the said Board may determine, etc., etc.

Approved, July 6, 1916.

(The above amendment was No. 14 on the official ballot, and was duly carried, etc.)

REVISED CIVIL CODE OF LOUISIANA.

Up to and Including the Year 1912.

THE BANKS OF A RIVER OR STREAM.

“Art. 457 (448). The banks of a river or stream are understood to be that which contains it in its ordinary state of high water; for the nature of the banks does not change, although for some cause they may be overflowed for a time”.

“Nevertheless on the borders of the Mississippi and other navigable streams, where there are levees, established according to law, the levees shall form the banks”.

PUBLIC SERVITUDES.

Art. 664 (660). *Public and Private Servitudes.* Servitudes imposed by law are established either for the public or common utility, or the utility of individuals.

“Art. 665 (661). River banks, sea shores; public levees, etc., Servitudes imposed for the public or common utility, relates to the space which is to be left for the public use by the adjacent proprietors on the shores of navigable rivers, and for the making and repairing of levees, roads and other public or common works”.

“All that relates to this kind of servitude is determined by laws or particular regulations”.

“State determines location and mode of building levees. Riparian owners must submit. 34 A, 494, Bass vs. State; 45 A, 421, Peart vs. President Levee District”.

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“These servitudes can not be imposed for a single individual, but for the public only.”

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ALLUVION.

“Art. 509 (501). Alluvion by Accretion. The accretions which are formed successively and imperceptibly to any soil on the shore of a river or other stream are called alluvion”.

“The alluvion belongs to the owner of the soil situated on the edge of the water, whether it be a river or stream, and whether the same be navigable or not, who is bound to leave public that portion of the bank which is required by law for the public use”.

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“Art. 511 (502). *Land removed by floods.* If the river or stream, whether navigable or not, carries away by a sudden eruption a considerable tract of land from an adjoining field, which tract of land is susceptible of being identified, by carrying the same on a field lower down, or on the opposite shore, the owner of the tract of land thus carried away, may claim his property, provided he does it within a year, or even after the year has elapsed, if the person, to whose land the soil thus carried away has been united, has not yet taken possession of the same”.

“Art. 512 (504). *Islands or Bars* in navigable streams. Islands and sand bars which are formed in the beds of navigable rivers or streams, and which are not attached to the bank, belong to the State, if there be no adverse title or prescription”.

“Art. 513 (503). *Islands.* In streams not navigable. Islands or sand bars which are formed in streams not navigable, belong to the riparian proprietors, and are divided among them according to the rules prescribed in the following Articles:

“Art. 514 (506). *Island, Division of.* If the Island be formed in the middle of the stream, it belongs to the riparian proprietors whose lands are situated on the sides opposite the island. If

they wish to divide it, it must be divided by a line supposed to be drawn along the middle of the river. The riparian proprietors then, severally, take the portion of the Island which is opposite their land, in proportion to the front they respectively have on the stream opposite the Island”.

“Art. 515 (507). *Island*. If, on the contrary, the Island lies on one of the sides of the line thus supposed to be drawn, it belongs to the riparian proprietors of the side on which the Island is, and must be divided among them in proportion to the front they respectively have on the stream opposite the Island”.

Art. 516 (508). *Division of Alluvion*. If an alluvion be formed in front of the property of several riparian proprietors, the division is to be made according to the extent of the front line of each at the time of the formation of the Alluvion”.

“The course of side lines is of no consequence”.

“Art. 517 (509). *Island formed by Change of River's Course*. If a river or stream, whether navigable or not, by opening itself a new branch, cuts off and surrounds the field of any individual owner of the shore, and makes it an Island, the owner shall keep the property of his field”.

“Art. 518 (510). *Bed of Stream after Change of Course*. If a river or stream, whether navigable or not, opens itself a new bed by leaving a former channel, the owners of the soil newly occupied shall take, by way of indemnification, the former bed of the river, every one in proportion to the quantity of land he has lost”.

“They shall again take their former property, if the river or stream returns to its former channel”.

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“Art. 553. (546). *Alluvion; Islands; Treasure Trove*. The usufructuary enjoys the increase brought by Alluvion to the land of which he has the usufruct, but has no right to islands formed in a stream not navigable opposite the land; they belong to the riparian proprietors, as is prescribed in the title; *Of Things*”.

“In like manner he has no right, not even the right of enjoyment, to the treasure which may be discovered in the land of which he has the usufruct, unless he himself has discovered it, in which case he shall only enjoy the right granted by law to such persons as find a treasure in a piece of land, the property of another person”.

BATTURE. (See Alluvion.)

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NATURAL DRAINAGE.

“Art. 660 (656). *Natural Drainage*. It is a servitude due by the estate below to receive the waters which run naturally from the estate situated above, provided the industry of man has not been used to create that servitude”.

“The proprietor below is not at liberty to raise any dam, or to make any work to prevent this running of the water”.

“The proprietor above can do nothing whereby the natural servitude by the estate below may be rendered more burdensome”.

“The opening and maintenance of drains is conferred by Act 159 of 1902, and Act 161 of 1904 in drainage districts under police power. *Petit Anse Coteau Drainage District vs. Iberia Railroad Company*, 124 L. 502”.

“Art. 661 (657). *Use of Flowing Water*. He whose estate borders on running water, may use it as it runs, for the purpose of watering his estate, or for other purposes”.

“He through whose estate water runs, whether it originates there or passes from lands above, may make use of it while it runs over his lands; but he cannot stop or give it another direction, and is bound to return it to its ordinary channel, where it leaves his estate”.

“Whoever shall divert or impede the course of water from a natural drain must return same before it leaves his estate, and without unusually retarding its flow”.

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EXPROPRIATION.

“Art. 497 (489). *Expropriation of Ownership*. No one can be deprived of his property unless for some purpose of *public utility*, and on consideration of an equitable and previous indemnity and in a manner previously prescribed by law”.

“By an equitable indemnity, in this case, is understood not only a payment for the value of the thing of which the owner is deprived, but a remuneration for the damages which may be caused thereby”.

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“Under police power, a State may destroy a man's business without compensation”.

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EMINENT DOMAIN.

“Art. 2626 (2604). *Eminent Domain*. The first law of society being that the general interest shall be preferred to that of individuals, every individual who possesses under the protection of the laws, any particular property, is tacitly subjected to the obligation of yielding it to the community, wherever it becomes necessary for the general use”.

“Art. 2627 (2606). *Enforceable over Owner's Objection*. If the owner of a thing necessary for the general use, refuses to yield it, or demands an exorbitant price, he may be divested of the property by the authority of law”.

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THE BOARD OF STATE ENGINEERS OF LOUISIANA.

The *Board of State Engineers* is a Department of the State Administration.

It came into existence under Act No. 33 of the General Assembly of the State, Session of 1879. Section 2 of Act No. 33 reads: “That the Governor of the State of Louisiana shall be authorized to appoint three Engineers, one of whom shall be known as CHIEF ENGINEER, and two ASSISTANT ENGINEERS, whose term of office shall be four years from the day of their appointment.”

The duties of the *Board of State Engineers*, as defined by Act No. 33 of 1879, are, primarily, “to make a careful survey of water courses, and public works and levees of the State. Said survey to be completed as soon after the subsidence of high water as practicable, in order that the contracts for work may be let out and commenced at the earliest possible moment. They shall report to the Governor of the State the improvements necessary and levees to be constructed which are of prime importance to the State at large, and beyond the means of parochial authorities. They shall also, in said report, furnish estimates and specifications of the work necessary to be done.” Under Sections 3, 4 and 5, these duties are more specifically outlined, including services under certain circumstances, in connection with levee work, repairs, etc., to be rendered to the Police Juries of the State, and to examine and measure all work recommended by the Board, and done under contracts made by the State, and to specify the amount of the payments due for the work thus executed.

The status of the Board remains, at this date, unchanged, except that, in 1882, Act No. 99 of 1882, owing to the great increase in the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Board, the Governor was authorized to appoint "one additional Assistant Engineer," and, in 1884, Act No. 48 of 1884, another, making the number of members now constituting the Board, five.

Under the provisions of later laws, the Board has been constituted, in general terms, the Engineering Advisor of the Levee Boards throughout the State, now some seventeen (17) in number, and one in the State of Arkansas—The Southeast Arkansas Levee District—and of the various Departments of the State Administration, the Police Juries of the Parishes, Drainage and Reclamation Districts, and other public bodies.

The *Board of State Engineers* has also attached to it a State Highway Department, over which it exercises, in conformity with law, through a State Highway Engineer and a special corps, direction and supervision of the construction and maintenance of model highways.

In the discharge of their duties, and the execution of the many works of importance and magnitude, with which they are charged, the members of the Board are frequently brought in contact with a number of other professional bodies and departments, notably the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army and its assistants from civil life, and the several Corps of Engineers engaged in similar occupations in the Sister States of Louisiana.

Since 1879 to date, the advance made in the formulation and prosecution of works of public improvement, coming within the field of activity of the *Board of State Engineers*, has steadily expanded to large proportions.

The height of the ambition of the *Board of State Engineers* has, however, ever centered, first in levees and bank protection work; second, in drainage, and third, in model highways, recognizing these as the "Trinity" upon which the salvation of the State, its people, its vast and varied interests and industries, pursuits and occupations, always has, does now, and ever will mainly depend.

The struggle for supremacy along these lines has been long, onerous, burdensome, and often times most discouraging, but with the aid of the National Government in the control of the Lower Mississippi River, recently assured, under the United States Flood Control Act, success, if not altogether at hand, is well in sight.

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104 1858 30

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NAME OF STATE DISTRICT	MILES ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER	MILES ON RED RIVER	MILES ON ATCHAFALAYA RIVER	MILES ON BAYOU LAFOURCHE	MILES ON OTHER STAMPS	TOTAL MILES	BY DISTRICTS
Tensas	91.7	242.4			(a) 40.0	40.0	
Fifth Louisiana	(50.7)				(b) 390	281.4	
Atchafalaya Basin	127.9		46.2	(c) 75.0	(d) 7.8	266.8	
Pontchartrain	125.3				(e) 0.3	125.6	
Lafourche	82.7	120.8			(f) 7.1	192.6	
Orleans	12.1	25.9				38.0	
Lake Borgne	13.8	49.5			(g) 7.3	70.6	
Grand Prairie		34.4				34.4	
Plaquemine Parish East bank		33.8			(h) 7.9	41.7	
Buras		56.2	90.2		(i) 9.0	155.4	
Caddo		34.0	52.3			86.3	
Bossier		36.0	39.8		(j) 12.6	88.4	
Red River & Bayou des Glaizes		27.0				27.0	
Saline		10.2				10.2	
Cal Island	(k) 12.8					12.8	
State of Arkansas aiding in the protection of Louisiana	72.3				(l) 4.1	76.4	
Outside of Levee Districts	13.1	35.9	86.0	149.1	37.5	172.3	

- (a) Includes ten miles on Quachita River, seven miles on Black River, three miles on Little River, and three miles on White River, and three miles on Red River.
- (b) Includes twelve and seven tenths (12.7) miles on Quachita River, and twenty and three tenths (20.3) miles on Red River.
- (c) e These systems, due to closure of Bayou Lafourche at head pending construction of lock in above this line, also since closure of Bayou cut through in many places for easy access to Bayou for connecting canals, not more than 60% remaining at former grade and section.
- (d) Interior protection levee.
- (e) Cross Levee of head of system.
- (f) Interior protection levee.
- (g) Along Gulf Coast, Plaquemine Parish East Bank of Mississippi River. Includes 4 miles of Cross Levee.
- (h) All on Bayou Pierre, includes since closure of Torres Bayou.
- (i) Includes seven and six tenths (7.6) miles on Bayou Rapides and eight tenths (0.8) miles on Bayou des Glaizes.
- (j) Fragmentary built before organization of District, District not in operation.
- (k) Includes eighty six and seven tenths (86.7) miles on Arkansas River to lower end of Arkansas River system, also 4.9 mile extension from Arkansas River System towards Cypress Creek and (12.5) miles on Amos Bayou and Cypress Creek above head of system on Mississippi River.
- (l) Around Angola Farm (State property).
- (m) Includes Loggy Bayou new levee 0.9 mile, Murrell Men Levee 2.4 mile, West Dale 0.9 mile, Grand Bend 0.6 mile and 3.1 miles of fragmentary levee line on Red River.

LEGEND.

Levee Districts

Levee Lines



MAP OF LOUISIANA AND A PART OF ARKANSAS

SHOWING LOCATION & LIMITS OF LEVEE DISTRICTS UNITED STATES & LOCAL

ALSO LOCATION & EXTENT OF PRESENT MAINTAINING LINES OF LEVEES

TABULATED STATEMENT GIVING NUMBER OF MILES OF LEVEE LINE ON EACH STREAM IN EACH DISTRICT TO DATE.

OCTOBER 1919

UNITED STATES MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTRICTS, MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

37 U. S. MISS. RIVER DIST. in Arkansas & Louisiana

UPPER TENNESSEE BASIN (ATO B RIGHT BANK)

From Mouth of White River to opposite Norrington, Miss.

LOWER TENNESSEE BASIN (ATO C RIGHT BANK)

From opposite Norrington, Miss. to Mouth of Red River.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN (ATO E RIGHT BANK)

From Mouth of Red River to Bayou Lafourche

LAFOURCHE BASIN (ETO F RIGHT BANK)

From Bayou Lafourche to City of New Orleans.

BARATARIA (ETO H RIGHT BANK)

From City of New Orleans to the Head of the Passes.

PONTCHARTRAIN (ETO G LEFT BANK)

From Baton Rouge to the City of New Orleans.

LAKE BORGNE (ETO J LEFT BANK)

From the City of New Orleans to the Head of the Passes.

LOCAL LEVEE DISTRICTS ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

1. SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS LEVEE DISTRICT (Arkansas) Composed of the alluvial land in that part of the counties of Lincoln, DeWitt and Chicot formerly embraced in the Linwood & Auburn, the Red Fork, the Delta and Chicot Levee Districts subject to overflow and that had paid taxes for a period of five years prior to the creation of the Southeast Arkansas Levee District; aggregating some 57,250 acres in area. The District commences some 22 miles below Pine Bluff & is included in the United States Upper Tennessee District.
2. TENNESSEE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (Arkansas) Composed of the Parishes of Morehouse, West Carroll, Richland, Franklin, Calhoun and LaSalle, with those portions of Ouachita and Caldwell Parishes lying East of the Ouachita River aggregating 1,300,000 acres in area.
3. THE FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the Parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas and Concordia aggregating some 150,000 acres in area. That part of the District extending from the Arkansas Line to a point opposite Warren, Miss. is included in the United States Upper Tennessee District, and that below said point is included in the United States Lower Tennessee District.
4. THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the Parishes of Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and Terrebonne and parts of the Parishes of Iberville and St. Landry aggregating some 299,000 acres in area. The District coincides with the United States Atchafalaya District.
5. THE CAT ISLAND LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the Parish of Orleans, right and left bank of the Mississippi River, from Bellefleur Landing to Bayou Sara.
6. THE PONTCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the alluvial lands on the East bank of the Mississippi River between the Cities of Baton Rouge and New Orleans, consisting of parts of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John, St. Charles and Jefferson aggregating some 400,000 acres in area. The District is included in the United States Pontchartrain District.
7. THE LAFOURCHE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the alluvial lands in those parts of the Parishes of Ascension, St. James, St. John, St. Charles, Jefferson and Plaquemine lying on the West bank of the Mississippi River and of those parts of the Parishes of Assumption & Lafourche lying on the left bank of Bayou Lafourche. The District includes all of the United States Lafourche District, and the upper part of the United States Barataria District.
8. THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the Parish of Orleans, right and left bank.
9. THE LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the alluvial lands on the East bank of the Mississippi River, below the City of New Orleans, situated in the Parish of St. Bernard and in that part of Plaquemine Parish lying North of the lower line of Bohemia Plantation aggregating some 485,000 acres in area. The District is included in the United States Lake Borgne District.
10. THE GRAND PRAIRIE LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the alluvial lands subject to overflow on the left bank of the Mississippi River embraced within the Parish of Plaquemine, from the lower line of Bohemia Plantation to the lower line of Bayou Lafourche aggregating some 550,000 acres in area. The District is included in the United States Lake Borgne District.
11. THE BURAS LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of the alluvial lands subject to overflow on the right or West bank of the Mississippi River in the Parish of Plaquemine, South of a line drawn from the lower line of Rice-Land Plantation to the limits of Harzard Canal on Bayou Lafourche, extending to the limit and aggregating some 250,000 acres in area. The District is included in the United States Barataria District.
12. THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH EAST BANK LEVEE DISTRICT (GULF COAST LEVEE) Consists of all the territory contained within the Parish of Plaquemine, on the East bank of the Mississippi River, beginning at Upper Line of Harlem Plantation and extending to the upper line of Quachita Canal, on the property of Peter Luitich, below the Old Quachita Station. It is entirely included within the limits of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and the Grand Prairie Levee District, so that all parts of it are also parts of another Levee District.
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14. THE NORTH BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of all the alluvial lands of that part of Bossier Parish between the Hills on the East, the State Line on the North, Red River on the West and Sect. 9, 10 & 12 of T. 22 N. R. 14 W. on the South, aggregating 20,000 acres in area.
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18. THE SALINE LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT (Louisiana) Composed of all lands between the following boundaries: Sections 44 and 50 T. 3 Range 3 E, thence down Red River to Saline Bayou, thence up Saline Bayou to Saline Lake, following Horse Pen Creek, thence to edge of Hills to point of beginning, aggregating some 40,000 acres in area.

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AT THE

REGULAR SESSION

Begun and held in the City of Baton Rouge on Monday, the Tenth day of May, 1920.

SESSION OF 1920.

The General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, at the Regular Session, begun and held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the Tenth day of May, 1920.

Act No. 1. (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4) Relative to overflow in the Parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula and Concordia, and authorizing the Governor to extend, in his discretion, as far as may be necessary, certain assistance out of any unexpended balance of the appropriation made for the State Council of Defense. Approved, May 25, 1920. Promulgated, May 26, 1920.

Act. No. 4. (House Concurrent Resolution No. 7) Calling upon the Secretaries of all Levee Boards within the State of Louisiana to furnish the General Assembly without delay lists of all lands now held or owned by such Levee Boards of this State, as well as the lands that have been sold or leased by Levee Boards. Approved, May 28, 1920. Promulgated, June 1, 1920.

Act. No. 11. Authorizing the Cancellation of interest Coupon Bonds numbered from 1 to 500, both inclusive, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, aggregating the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) and the interest coupons thereto attached, issued by the Board of Control of the Penitentiary of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions and authority of Act No. 128 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, for the year 1914, approved July 8th, A. D. 1914. Approved, June 17, 1920. Promulgated, June 21, 1920.

Act No. 15. Authorizing the Governor of the State of Louisiana to donate and convey to the United States of America rights of way through any public lands of the State of Louisiana for canal purposes. Approved, June 21, 1920. Promulgated, June 30, 1920.

Act No. 19. (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12) Creating the Louisiana State Housing Commission, authorizing appointment, by Governor, of members thereof, as designated, etc. (Includes a member of the *Board of State Engineers*). Approved, June 25, 1920. Promulgated, June 30, 1920.

Act No. 20. (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13) Instructing in order to permit a comparison of the relative merits, for highway accommodation, etc., of bridges across the Atchafalaya

River, the Highway Department of the *Board of State Engineers* to make, as soon as practicable, necessary investigations, surveys and estimates of an adequate traffic bridge across said river, at Simmsport, La., and, if possible, to report its findings to the General Assembly "before the adjournment of the present 1920 Session of the General Assembly." Approved, June 25, 1920. Promulgated, June 30, 1920.

Act No. 34. To provide for the creation, regulation and maintenance of a Commission composed of the Register of the State Land office, the Attorney General and three members to be appointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be to carry out and put into effect the recommendations of the Board of State Affairs in their legislative recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly for the regular session of 1920 relative to public lands; providing for the withdrawal from sale or lease of all public lands of the State until inventory of such lands is completed; requiring, when such lease or sale is authorized, the consent and approval of the Governor for each sale and reserving, in the event of sale, the mineral rights contained in the public lands of the State; and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of said Commission. Approved, July 2, 1920. Promulgated, July 5, 1920.

Act No. 43. To encourage the construction of gravity irrigation canals in this State by conferring upon Corporations organized or to be organized under the laws of the State for such purposes, the power to expropriate land for rights of way and for reservoirs, as well as to utilize the public navigable streams and waters of the State for irrigation, under regulations to be prescribed by the *Board of State Engineers*; by declaring such Corporations Public Service Corporations, within the territory where they shall undertake the distribution of water for irrigation by repealing all conflicting laws. Approved, July 3, 1920. Promulgated, July 9, 1920.

Act No. 45. (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14) Preamble and resolutions relative to protecting the basins of the Ouachita, Red and Atchafalaya Rivers, the report of the Mississippi River Commission in regard thereto, and urging the adoption of the plan embracing the separating the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers from the Mississippi River, etc., etc. Approved, July 3, 1920. Promulgated, July 10, 1920.

Act No. 50. To amend and re-enact Act 19 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of the year 1918, entitled "An Act to authorize and require all levee boards throughout the

State, through their legally selected Commissioners in the various levee districts to rebuild and reconstruct, or to pay for the rebuilding and reconstruction of all gravel, shell or other hard-surfaced roads when such roads are destroyed or caused to be removed by the building of new levees made necessary by caving banks and otherwise"; by extending its provisions to destruction of public roads caused by enlargements of levees and providing that the new section of road shall be built before the destruction of the old section, and regulating the laying out and construction of such new section of road, and giving to the police juries a right of action to recover from Levee Boards any amount expended in the construction of such roads. Approved, July 5, 1920. Promulgated, July 10, 1920.

Act No. 65. To require Municipal Corporations, Parishes, Levee, School, Drainage, Sub-drainage, Road, Sub-road, Navigation and Sewerage Districts, or other Sub-divisions of the State and Parishes (the City of New Orleans excepted) to have published the proceedings of their Boards and the financial statements required and furnished to the Supervisor of Public Accounts; to designate a newspaper as its official journal and providing for its compensation. Approved, July 6, 1920. Promulgated, July 12, 1920.

Act No. 75. Making an appropriation to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government; to pay the interest on the public debt; and to support public schools and public charities in the State of Louisiana; to build and repair public levees; to maintain the State Penitentiary and other State Departments for the year commencing July 1st, 1920, and ending June 30th, 1921, and for the year commencing July 1st, 1921, and ending June 30th, 1922.

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OUT OF THE GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

State Land Office—	1921	1922
Salary Register	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Chief Clerk, Record Clerk, Asst. Record Clerk and Stenographer...	7,200.00	7,200.00
Traveling expenses Register.....	750.00	750.00
Office expenses, etc.....	250.00	250.00
Typewriter	100.00	100.00
	\$12,300.00	\$12,300.00

State Engineer's Office—	1921	1922
Chief Engineer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Four Assistant Engineers.....	16,000.00	16,000.00
Secretary	3,300.00	3,300.00
Draftsman	3,300.00	3,300.00
Assistant Draftsman	2,100.00	2,100.00
Materials, instruments, etc.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Employees, mileage, expenses, etc.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Additional services, if necessary.....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Constructing, repairing and main- taining levees, providing said amount is available out of the proportion of the State Tax ap- portioned to this fund after pay- ing salaries and other expenses enumerated	462,700.00	462,700.00
	\$538,900.00	\$538,900.00

Approved, July 6, 1920. Promulgated, July 13, 1920.

Act No. 92. To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act No. 70 of 1898 so as to permit the General Manager of the Louisiana State Penitentiary to fix the status and compensation of the Warden of said Penitentiary. Approved, July 6, 1920. Promulgated, July 17, 1920.

Act No. 93. To amend and re-enact Section Two (2) of Act 137 of the Acts of 1916, so as to change the style or title of the General Manager of the State Penitentiary to "General Manager of the Louisiana State Penitentiary." Approved, July 6, 1920. Promulgated, July 17, 1920.

Act No. 102. To authorize the Board of Control of the Bayou St. John and Carondelet Canal and Old Basin to sell and dispose of the land belonging to the late Carondelet Canal & Navigation Company and to fix the salaries of all employees. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 17, 1920.

Act No. 118. (House Concurrent Resolution No. 34) Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their exertions to procure a speedy settlement of the swamp land grants of March 2nd, 1849, and September 28th, 1850, in the mode and manner they may deem most proper, and secure for the State of Louisiana the abandoned military reservations situated in this State. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 17, 1920.

Act No. 132. To prohibit placing rice flumes, dahls, pipes or other foreign substances in, through or under the public levees of the State for the purposes of irrigation or otherwise; to require the removal of any and all rice flumes, dahls, pipes or other conduits that may possibly at this time so exist; to regulate the manner of placing and using siphons over the public levees for irrigation and other purposes, and to make provision for the drainage of the public highways and levees in such cases, and to provide a penalty or penalties for any violation of this Act, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 17, 1920.

Act No. 137. To amend and re-enact Section 2 of Act 93 of 1890, entitled "An Act to establish the Orleans Levee District and the Board of Commissioners thereof; to define their powers and duties; to provide a revenue therefor, and to repeal conflicting laws "and to amend and re-enact Act No. 140 of 1900, entitled "An act to amend and re-neact Act 79 of 1892, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Section 6 of Act 93, approved July 7th, 1890, entitled" "An Act to establish the Orleans Levee District and the Board of Commissioners thereof; to define their powers and duties; to provide a revenue therefor and repeal conflicting laws," and to define the duties of the *Board of State Engineers* with reference to said Orleans Levee District. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 141. To amend and re-enact Section 22 of Act 46 of 1892, amending and re-enacting Act 79 of 1890, creating the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District. (Re-incorporating Rapides Island within the boundaries and operations of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.) Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 142. Providing for a "Book of Drainage Records" to be kept by the Clerks of Court and Ex-Officio Recorders of Mortgages of the several Parishes of the State, and defining the duties of said officials in regard thereto; providing that all proceedings by drainage and sub-drainage districts heretofore and hereafter taken shall be recorded therein; and that no proceedings of drainage or sub-drainage districts shall be reported on mortgage certificates issued as to lands located in such districts, except unpaid or delinquent drainage taxes, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 143. Extending the time prescribed by Act 86, approved July 6, 1906, for the perfecting and validating certificates of entry issued by the State of Louisiana which were not paid for in money but were paid for by certificates or warrants for scrip which were not legally receivable in payment for such certificates of entry; providing that this Act shall not impair or affect the operation of Act 62 of 1912; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 149. To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act 31 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, being an Act authorizing the Register of the Land Office to sell and convey to the City of Shreveport the bed of what is known as Cross Lake in the Parish of Caddo, and fixing the terms and conditions of such sale, reserving to the State of Louisiana all minerals and mineral rights on and under said land. Approved, July 7, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 169. To authorize the State of Mississippi and the U. S. Government, or either of them, jointly or severally with the concurrence and approval of the local levee authorities in interest in Louisiana and of the *Board of State Engineers* of Louisiana, to construct and to have entire charge and contrroll of, both in construction, maintenance and for protection and preservation, such levees as may be deemed necessary by said grantees, or by either of them, for protection against overflow from the Mississippi River through and over all such lands of the State of Louisiana as by the changes of the channel of said river have been separated from other parts of said State of Louisiana, and which are now on the East Side of the present channel of said river and attached to the main land of the said State of Mississippi, said levees, etc., etc. Approved, July 8, 1920. Promulgated, July 21, 1920.

Act No. 182. To amend and re-enact Act No. 140 of 1912, of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana requiring all Railroad Companies operating a line or lines of railroad in this State to drain all roadbeds or rights of way which obstruct, retard, or interfere with the drainage of any farm or plantation traversed by the said line or lines by constructing and maintaining ditches, culverts or under-drains, either parallel to or at right angles with their roadbeds, or under crossings over their roadbeds on their right of way of sufficient width and depth and capacity to carry off the water rapidly, and to do all things necessary to relieve said obstructed drainage and giving to the

owner of any farm or plantation who may be damaged by the failure of any railroad company to comply with the provisions of this Act to do such work as is necessary to protect his growing crops from injury or destruction, to provide for a Committee of arbitration to decide upon such work as is necessary, to require, etc., etc. Approved, July 8, 1920. Promulgated, July 24, 1920.

Act No. 218. To repeal Act No. 36 of 1894, as amended by Act No. 175 of 1904, entitled "An Act to require all State and District Boards, State and District Officers charged with the reception of or disbursement of public funds to file with the Auditor of Public Accounts itemized, detailed semi-annual reports, etc., etc. Approved, July 8, 1920. Promulgated, July 24, 1920.

Act No. 221. To amend and re-enact Section 1 of Act No. 125 of 1912, entitled "An Act to provide for necessary legal services for Police Juries, Parish School Boards, and all State Boards and Commissions, including Levee Boards, Hospital and Asylum Boards, Educational Boards, and Dock Boards, the members of which in whole or in part are elected by the people, or appointed by the Governor, or other prescribed authority; to prohibit the employment for compensation by any of them of an attorney, general or special, or payment by them of any compensation for any legal services, except as authorized by this Act, and to repeal all laws, general or special, so far as they may be in conflict with the same. Approved, July 8, 1920. Promulgated, July 24, 1920.

Act No. 242. To amend and re-enact Act 200 of 1914, entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 308 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1908, entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of Civil Engineering and Surveying; to create a State Board of Engineering Examiners, and regulate the fees and emoluments thereof; to prevent the practice of said calling or professions by unauthorized persons; and to provide for the trial and punishment of violators of the provisions of this Act by fine or imprisonment and repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with this Act," etc. Approved, July 8, 1920. Promulgated, July 27, 1920.

Act No. 253. To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act 317 of 1910, being an Act to amend and re-enact Act 159 of 1902, as amended by Act 135 of 1906, which Act 159 of 1902 is an Act entitled "An Act to amend and re-enact Act No. 12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1900, entitled "An Act to authorize the police juries of the several par-

ishes of the State (the Parish of Orleans excepted) to divide their respective Parishes into Drainage Districts, to fix the limits thereof, to provide for Boards of Commissioners therefor, and the number of members thereof, respectively; to define the qualifications of the members, to prescribe for their selection, their tenure of office, their duties and the manner of filling vacancies, etc., etc."

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Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, that Section 3 of Act 317 of the Acts of 1910 be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

"Section 3. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, that the Police Jury organizing such Drainage District shall appoint three Commissioners in each District, except when otherwise provided herein, two of said Commissioners for the period of two years and one for the term of four years, and all selections or appointments by the said Police Jury thereafter shall be for the period of four years. The remaining two Commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor for the period of four years. The appointment of Commissioners by the Police Jury shall be made upon the recommendation of a majority in number of acres or a majority of the resident land owners in such District where the District contains forty or less land owners. Where the District has more than forty land owners embraced therein, then the appointment shall be made upon the recommendation of twenty-five of the land owners of said District. Where there is a contest over the appointment of Commissioners, the Police Jury shall give the appointment to those Commissioners who are recommended by the land owners owning the greatest number of acres of land in said Districts."

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